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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY WHEN, in this column, an account was given recently of a Klamath basin farmer who was busy with some lease land operations, we did not realize we were opening a discussion of the advisability of getting the basin's government-owned farm land into private ownership.

That such has been the result of our little story, nevertheless, is pleasing to us. As was said here the other day, we favor any feasible plan for getting all of this land possible into private ownership. Community consideration of the problem is definitely in order, and we welcome continuation and expansion of the discussion, as is done in a letter appearing on this page today from A. M. Thomas of Malin.

At the outset, we believe it is pretty well understood by all that no criticism is intended of the able farmers who operate on the leased lands. We are sure many, if not all of them, would agree that if it is possible, ultimate homesteading of this government land is the thing to do. The area constitutes a resource of the community; it is functioning as a valuable resource now, but if its value can be enhanced and its benefits spread more widely, that is the course to follow.

It is, of course, an engineering problem. In this column the other day we reported, briefly, what appears to us to be the attitude of the reclamation engineers toward it. What we said was informal and unofficial, but in general we repeat that government plans do not go farther than the homesteading of some 14,500 acres included in the WRA project area and the Coppeck bay district.

The community would do well to adopt a project to keep it going from there.

Acres Figures AS A basis for any further discussion, let us look at the acreage figures on Tule lake: Now in homesteads—31,000. Certain to be opened—7500. Likely to be opened (Coppeck bay)—7000. To remain in government-owned sump (partly farmed, partly flooded, but all now subject to flooding)—34,000 acres.

Marginal, non-agricultural and right-of-way lands—16,500 acres. Total—96,000 acres.

We obtained those figures from the reclamation bureau. The area in question in the discussion now opened is the 34,000 acres in sump land.

Of that amount, no one seems to doubt that about 10,000 acres must always be regarded as necessary for confinement of excess waters. The remaining 24,000 acres, presumably, is the land involved in this discussion of possible permanent cultivation under private ownership.

That figure may be subject to revision, but that is the way we get it. Divided into 60-acre tracts, the area would provide 400 additional homesteads. In 40-acre tracts, it would make 600 farms.

We are mentioning these figures in order to give further "chewing material" in the discussion of the proposal, which we welcome from any source.

It will be remembered that from community discussion and civic effort came the final impetus that put through the Tule lake tunnel project. Through the medium of the chamber of commerce, actual surveys were undertaken locally, followed by official surveys and eventual driving of the tunnel.

Land use is a subject of vital importance to Klamath Falls and the entire basin community. The economy of our community rests on industry and agriculture, and we must make the most of all opportunities which present themselves in both fields.

Water for the Garden KLAMATH victory gardeners should not permit current moisture conditions to cause them to overlook taking full advantage of Copco's new victory garden credit refund plan. All gardens are going to take a lot of water, and now is the time to take the steps necessary to obtain the credit refund for use of water from the company's system.

The thing for the gardener to do is to measure his garden space and then make application at the Copco offices for victory garden credit. Any garden of 200 square feet or more qualifies for this refund. That means any garden, 10x20 feet in size, or larger.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, April 27—Rubber Maker Jeffers' scrap with Elmer Davis' OWI was just the usual government hair-pulling over details, but his row with Under-Secretary Patterson will be costly to American motorists in both gasoline and rubber.

The Jeffers-Davis controversy developed when one of Mr. Davis' bright young men concocted a Sunday feature story on the basis of old figures from Jeffers' department, and gave them so black a slant as to challenge the fulfillment of the whole Jeffers rubber program.

All except one of the facts were more or less straight in the OWI handout. This one, suggesting that even essential motorists will be unable to get synthetic tires before September, 1944, was killed out of the OWI announcement when the mistake was called to Mr. Davis' attention, and before the facts were printed in the papers.

Mr. Jeffers could survive this critical publicity from the official government censors, but whether his full program can survive Mr. Patterson's demands is still a question.

The army and navy are submitting increased demands not only for gasoline but for fuel oil, and disrupting the established civilian programs. In the end, the Patterson-Jeffers argument probably will be settled by Mr. Jeffers sacrificing a portion of the machinery and values which were to be used in synthetic rubber production, for the military production of airplane gasoline.

Much of the Jeffers program will no doubt survive. In fact, it must survive, not only as a civilian requirement, but as a military necessity, because it is just as important that workers get to the factories to build planes as it is for the army to obtain gasoline to fly them.

No less authority than OWI substantiates this opinion in another Sunday feature roundup on transportation, saying: "It is in the field of local transportation . . . getting American workers to and from their jobs . . . that the most serious war-time passenger transportation exists. x x x By the end of 1943, about four times more Americans will be going to work every day as can be carried at any one time in all available public vehicles."

No stronger demand for gasoline and rubber for civilians has been made, even by Mr. Jeffers.

Fuel Oil SO ALSO with fuel oil, which is not a part of the present controversy. Transportation Director Eastman has announced next winter the eastern seaboard will be getting 1,600,000 barrels of oil a day through new pipe lines and otherwise. This would be enough to permit abandonment of rationing, but the army and navy are supposed to be taking heavy quantities from the eastern seaboard supply.

Stocks here are much lower. Soon the armed services will demand one-third to one-fourth of all that the eastern seaboard gets, they say.

Thus you have a similar conflict of expectations between government departments as to what the civilian will get. Piece-meal government publicity—and even the slanted OWI roundup material—merely adds to public confusion.

Personally, it now appears to me that my recent officially-inspired hopes that fuel oil rationing would be abandoned were over-optimistic, although the situation will no doubt change three or four times before snow flies.

OWI Puzzle NO WAY ever has been found to make a government publicity department harmonious and efficient. Mr. Davis came in, here with a reputation for common sense. His radio broadcasts indicated he was not wedded to any particular ideologies. At the outset, it appeared he had a better chance to do a straight-forward reporting job than any of the others.

But evidence developed by congressional committees show his organization is permeated with many left-wingers and ideologist promoters in key positions as well as good newspapermen. The Dies committee has found a 24-year-old man in charge of foreign language newspapers in this country who reads no foreign language.

The current newspaper curbstone joke in Washington holds (with some over emphasis, no doubt) that the OWI press plant is merely a national government edition of the famous leftist journal PM in New York.

SIDE GLANCES



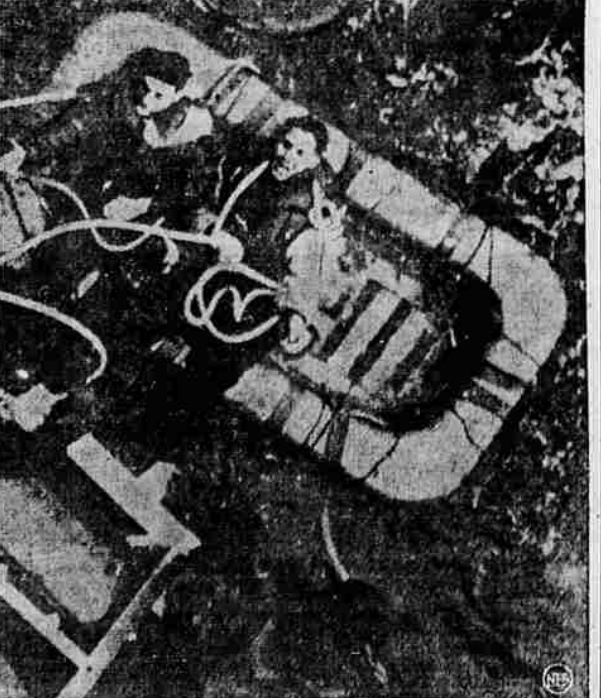
Good thing you took that first aid course, mother, before I started going to the U. S. O. dances!

Nelson Optimistic on Gas, Rubber, Plane Production

By JACK BELL WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) Sharply critical of publicly-aided "fighting" between government officials, WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson testified today he believes that not only the synthetic rubber and high octane gasoline programs can be carried out this year, but also the planned production of airplanes, escort vessels and merchant shipping.

Called before the Truman committee inquiring into a dispute involving Rubber Director Jeffers, Undersecretary of War Patterson and Petroleum Administrator Ickes, Nelson said: "Everything that can be done to expedite construction of plants for manufacture of high octane gasoline will be done," adding: "This can be done through co-operation, not through fighting."

'Are We Glad to See You!'



With joy written all over their faces, two survivors of a torpedoed Allied vessel are pulled aboard a U. S. Coast Guard cutter that rescued them from a watery life raft in mid-Atlantic. Official Coast Guard photo.

Shade in a Slit Trench



In the slight shade of a slit trench in North Africa Pvt. Ernest G. Thompson of Sharpsburg, Ky., curls up with a good book. Trench protects him both from bombing and desert sun.

STOP FOREST FIRE PARADE GETS PERMIT

Permission for a Stop Forest Fires parade was granted Councilman Walter Wiesendanger, chairman of the week's observance, by other members of the council in session Monday night. Date named was May 7.

Mayor John H. Houston was welcomed back by the city dads and conducted the weekly session after a two weeks' illness.

The mayor discussed the proposed Victory garden water rates with the council and suggested that a letter of appreciation on behalf of the city be sent to the California Oregon Power company.

Grading of city streets came up for the usual amount of discussion and City Engineer Frank Z. Howard was asked to give immediate attention to the Old Fort road in an effort to encourage Klamathites to use the city dump and clean up their property.

Howard said the blade was broken last week but had been repaired and work would be under way immediately.

Members of the city administration will attend the League of Oregon Cities session in Portland May 12 and 13 and the matter of transportation will be discussed.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 150 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

LEASE LAND QUESTION

MALIN, Ore., (To the Editor) Friends who agree that the practice of leasing lands is bad and some who want as much land in private ownership here as possible, who therefore approve of my letter printed April 21, ask that the statements of the reclamation bureau reported in your long editorial of April 22 be refuted.

I can find nothing to refute. There is no statement therein that leasing lands is a good procedure, none that a goodly acreage cannot be opened to permanent settlement in private ownership, only that these lands are NOW subject to flooding and WILL NOT BE fit for permanent improvements "without extensive construction of diverting facilities such as enlargement of the diversion canal."

Without placing too much emphasis on the word "extensive," that statement is true.

The only thing of consequence to the community which appears from your interview with the bureau is that they are very well satisfied with things as they are, do not wish to be bothered, and will not prepare and open this land for permanent private ownership, except in little dribs over a period of several years, unless some pressure is brought to bear upon their superiors.

I do not know whether the fact that the bureau will soon have about one and one quarter million acres of irrigated land under the Grand Coulee project in the state of Washington to offer for settlement has anything to do with their reluctance to complete this project or not.

The significant thing for this community to have in mind in this matter is that it is eminently practicable both from an engineering and the economic (i. e., construction cost per acre) standpoint to permanently reclaim an acre of productive land which will support as many homes and produce as much annual financial return as the existing Klamath Irrigation district, which extends from Klamath Falls to below Malin.

This community, at least, should accept no other viewpoint unless and until some competent engineering-economic authority in no way influenced by any bureaucratic "policy" has declared to the contrary.

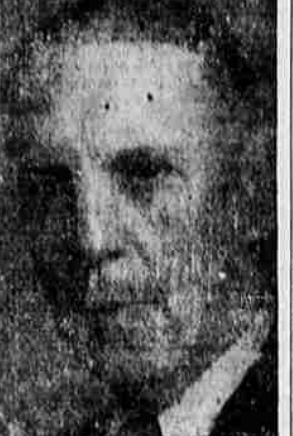
I cannot see how the reclamation bureau which once thought it proper to lay a goodly part of the cost of Gerber dam and almost the whole cost of the construction of the diversion channel and its appurtenances, plus the cost of the "J" canal and lateral system, on 24,000 acres, can without blushing hold a contrary opinion.

The only thing for the leaders of this community to decide is whether they want the community betterment that may be secured had enough to work for it until they get it or not. If they do so decide and begin NOW they won't get it any sooner than the community will need it.

After the last war there were great preparations, getting land ready for our returning soldier boys. Why none now? The boys returning from the last war gave us all the fine development we presently have in Modoc and Siskiyou.

I hope the community decides to push for the rational comple-

Resigns



A. G. Morrison, who is resigning because of ill health after nine years as superintendent of the county farm and infirmary, his successor has not yet been chosen. County court members pointed out that Morrison made an outstanding record as manager of the Summers lane institution.

MORRISON TO RESIGN FROM INFIRMARY JOB

A. G. Morrison, for nine years superintendent of the county farm and infirmary, is resigning because of ill health, members of the county court announced today.

The court is anxious to find a successor immediately for Morrison, who has had the able assistance of Mrs. Morrison in the years of his outstanding work at the farm, Judge U. E. Reeder said. Applications are acceptable now, he said, adding that the court is especially anxious to fill the positions with a competent couple, rather than a single man for the superintendency alone.

Morrison was appointed superintendent of the farm in the term of County Judge George Grizzle. Under his management, the operation of the institution has received widespread favorable attention among public officials and social workers.

"We sincerely regret that Mr. Morrison is forced to resign," said Judge Reeder. "His work has been outstanding, not only in Oregon, but throughout the United States."

Since Morrison took over, the institution has moved into the modern plant on Summers lane, following a fire which destroyed an old building on the same property.

FRONTIER CLOSED

LONDON, April 27 (AP)—Dispatches from Zurich, Switzerland, said today the Italians closed the Swiss-French frontier at 4 a. m. yesterday and important troop movements are proceeding on the French side.

tion of this project. If they do not, then I have another suggestion to offer.

I do not believe any community will be happy with half its productive land in private ownership, the other half nationalized, BUT if the reclamation bureau is to linger along here for another 37 years, another generation, sitting as an absentee landlord, I suggest that we appeal to it as a measure of improvement over present practice to go the whole Russian road and establish on its land a Kolkhoz, or collective farm. I think that would be better for the community than creating a few super-Kulaks, and I know it would be better for the land, which will not remain productive long under present practices.

Now, a final word about our neighbors who now lease this land. OF COURSE no one blames them for taking advantage of the opportunity offered. That is not the point—it being that from the COMMUNITY standpoint it would be better if the opportunity was not offered.

A. M. THOMAS.

Operation—Friends of Mrs. George Barth have learned that she is making a satisfactory recovery following a serious operation two weeks ago in a Salem hospital. Mrs. Barth and daughter, Marilyn, plan to remain in Salem where two of Mrs. Barth's sisters live. George Barth, former Klamath merchant, is in defense work in Portland.

SMOKER SALES TO PUT BOND SALE OVER TOP

Union labor's drive for a \$500,000 sub-chaser was only \$30,000 short of its goal Tuesday and "E" bond purchases for Friday night's smoker at the armory were selling so rapidly that G. C. Tatman, labor chairman, felt assured that Klamath county would go over the top.

Admission to the smoker is on presentation of a ticket given when purchase is made of an "E" bond. A \$50 bond entitles the holder to a ringside seat, a \$25 bond, general admission. Anyone having purchased an "E" bond after April 21, may obtain a ticket by showing evidence of purchase at any of the following places, First National bank, U. S. National bank, First Federal Savings and Loan, T. B. Watters' office, Klamath Billiards, or the Labor temple.

Applications for bonds will be taken at Watters' office, where \$5000 in "E" bonds were sold up to Tuesday morning; at the Klamath Billiards or the Labor temple. Actual purchase may be made at the banks. Tickets will be issued in all of the six places. The tickets are dated Friday, May 30, and those holding the pasteboards are advised that this date is incorrect and the smoker is this Friday, April 30.

Dick Reeder, local merchant, purchased tickets for each of his employes, members of the committee stated Tuesday.

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican April 23, 1903

George Lindbey, an expert electrician from San Francisco, has been here repairing the dynamo of the electric lighting plant. We are told he will finish the work so the lights can be turned on again tonight.

O. Austin has bought the Langell ranch in Langell valley. He left here with a wagon load of seed he proposes to plant.

G. M. Chase of Chase's station was in town this week.

From the Klamath News April 28, 1933

Frank Drew, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Drew, is the new student body president at KUHS. Other officers are: Helen Richards, secretary; George Lundgren, first vice president; Bob Sparks, second vice president; Ivar Hull, editor, El Rodeo; Walter Van Emon, manager, El Rodeo; Bob Chilcote, assistant business manager of the Krater.

Klamath potatoes this spring have brought as high as \$1.05 a hundred on California markets, showing a sharp increase over the winter quotations.

B Card Drivers May Apply for More Mileage

PORTLAND, April 27 (AP)—Motorists whose driving in the course of work was limited to B book mileage may apply for 720 monthly, the district OPA announced today.

The action is intended to help car owners who need more mileage in the course of their work, but does not change the mileage now allowed for driving between home and work, OPA said.

Called North—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grimes were called to Portland at noon Tuesday by the critical illness of their one-year-old granddaughter, Sue, daughter of their son, Faith Grimes. The child has been in ill health. Faith Grimes is employed in a defense industry.

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