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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY... The long-talked-about acquisition of a public-ly-owned swimming pool may become a reality this year...

Such an enterprise is definitely under way. An option has been taken on the property, and the necessary amount will be included in the high school budget for the coming year.

What local planners have in mind is development, later on, of an adjoining outdoor pool, which may come through the city's swimming pool project.

Formal announcement of the high school swimming pool purchase project will probably await the publication of the proposed budget a short time hence.

Quotas Are Passed... KLAMATH came through in fine style in the second war loan campaign which formally ends today, taking good care of all quotas assigned to it.

The April quota for war bond buying, exclusive of the bank bond purchases, was \$1,269,000. At this writing, the amount raised in that category is \$1,657,640.75.

The U. S. National bank branch here bought \$1,000,000 in bonds, and the First National bank branches at Klamath and Merrill together acquired \$1,687,280 in bonds.

That makes a grand total of \$4,344,900.75 to date on the second war loan drive in this county, and bonds are still being sold, particularly in connection with the sports program at the armory tonight.

When the second war loan quotas were assigned to this county, they looked pretty husky to local war savings workers. Unquestionably, a lot of help came through the heavy buying by large firms, including our lumber companies, various large concerns with branches or agents here, and public corporations.

Recognizing the wartime danger to the forests, anti-fire workers staged a great preparation campaign a year ago, and it was generally successful. Even more effort, and more vigilance, will be needed this year, when manpower is still shorter, timber is still an essential war material, and the value to our enemy of fire in our forests is just as great as ever.

About 50 victory gardeners have signed up at Copco under the gardening refund plan established this spring. That is a fairly good response, considering weather conditions which have been anything but conducive to a full realization of the need for moisture that is going to break on the gardening clan shortly.

News Behind the News

WASHINGTON, April 30—The administration had an inside deal all set with the republicans to modify the Hull reciprocal trade powers in renewing them.

There is reason to believe the democratic leaders in the senate and house made a canvass indicating that they had a chance to put across their old program without giving congress any more say in the matter of tariffs than it now has.

The democratic leaders were sure of the senate, less certain of the house, but judged their chances worth a try. Thereafter, Mr. Hull insisted more loudly than before that his powers be unrestrained and unimpaired.

Invasion Weather... INVASION weather has opened in Europe. From mid-April to mid-October, the season is favorable to military operations along the great front from Norway southward.

The particular spots for attack, as well as the time, are naturally secret, but, in general, the prospects are too obvious to be secrets. Invasion of Norway would break the nazi hold on Scandinavia, free the pressure on Sweden, and limit nazi supplies of fish and iron ore.

The nazis have greatly improved the roads and concentrated reserves for shifting greater defensive powers to any point of invasion in those countries, and down the channel coast of France. Yet we can get air supremacy over invasion points there, and direct invasion is possible.

Invasion in the south also has been promised by the authorities. The final acquisition of Tunisia will, of course, give us the nearest air bases for invasion of Sicily and Italy.

ALLIED dominance of the air is what has made all observers so confident of swift final success in Tunisia. The Americans and British practically rule the air.

As Hitler has been unable to match them up to now, there is hardly a chance that he can do so hereafter, in view of the limited numbers, and tightly pressed position of the few airfields he theoretically controls around Tunis and Bizerte.

Americans are fighting in the toughest terrain in the north, unable to use armor because of the mountains. If we get Mateur, however, we might take Bizerte directly. But the two easier key entrances to both Tunis and Bizerte lie at Pont de Fahs and Tebourba.

Once the British and French crack these, the Germans should be sunk. If they can press on through these two points to Tunis, they will ease the task of the right flank of the eighth British army in the mountains to the east and might even turn northward and take Bizerte in reverse before we can get there the shorter, harder way.

Most Bizerte fortifications face the sea. But the French (before the nazis came) also erected a fortified sand dune line on hills southeast of the city to hinder such an operation.

The only current prediction on the end of the war is being circulated by the financial seer, Roger Babson, who thinks it will last until after the elections in 1944.

"That burned me up," he said, "and I decided to experiment with bigger bombs." He broached his plan to the pilots, but they were dubious because nothing bigger than 500-pounders had been carried before.

SIDE GLANCES



Point Revision On Meats Change American Diets

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—The OPA today revised meat ration values, effective Sunday morning, to switch many American appetites from round steak and center pork chops to other cuts, especially spareribs, brains, tongues and pig knuckles.

Round steak (both beef and veal) and center pork chops each were raised a point to 9 points per pound. Loin pork roasts, slices of boneless ham steak and beef flank steaks also went up from 8 to 9 points per pound.

Pork spareribs came down from 4 to 3 points per pound, hocks and knuckles from 3 to 2, and most variety meats (brains, sweetbreads, etc.) were reduced a point per pound each. An exception was liver which was unchanged at 6 for beef and 8 for veal.

An oddity of the new schedule is that, in coupons, round steak becomes more expensive than porterhouse steak, although the latter usually costs about 13 cents per pound more in cash. Persons having more cash than coupons may choose porterhouse, T-bone, sirloin, club and rib steaks at their continuing rate of 8 points per pound (except 10 inch rib which is 7) instead of round steak at 9.

Widely-rumored reductions in luncheon meats, however, failed to materialize. And despite contrary forecasts, beef hamburger did not increase, remaining at 5 points per pound.

The order was the first major change in the scale of meat rations since beef, veal, lamb, mutton and pork were put under rationing on March 29. Minor adjustments in sausage points were the only previous alterations.

The new decree made a few changes in canned fish and cooking oils, but cheese and butter remained at 8 points per pound; lard, margerine and shortening at 5. Salad and cooking oils, however, were reduced from 6 to 5 points a pint (or pound).

Canned sea mussels, which formerly were in a general category requiring 7 points a pound, were cut to 1. Caviar and fish roe came down, too, from 7 to 3 points on a pound basis.

The new point values will be applicable Sunday only to red E and F coupons in the No. 2 ration book. A, B, C and D stamps will expire at midnight tonight (Friday). Blue D, E and F coupons for processed fruits and vegetables also expire tonight, and minor changes in the canned goods point values also may be announced over the weekend.

Precinct Leaders Named for Klamath County Civilian Defense Organization

Jan Puckett, chief of the block leaders in the Klamath county civilian defense set-up, issued this week a list of the precinct chiefs. The block leaders are asked to get in touch with their precinct leader at their earliest convenience to assure them of cooperation, get information on the area they are to cover and the duties of the block leader.

Table with columns: Precinct, Name, Address, Phone No. Lists precinct leaders for various areas including Pelican City, Pelican City, and Stewart-Lenox.

'FORTIFIED' WINE VOTE BATTLE OPENS

PORTLAND, April 30 (AP)—Battle lines for the coming vote struggle over "fortified" wines were taking shape today. Secretary Ralph Staley of the Oregon wine council said tomorrow would mark the start of a drive to obtain signatures of the 9408 voters necessary to place on the 1944 election ballot a referendum against a bill limiting sale of wines containing more than 14 per cent alcohol to state liquor stores.

The Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Oregon State grange named State Senator W. E. Burke, Sherwood, to head a campaign against the referendum. Burke authored the bill, which becomes effective January 1, 1943, unless the necessary names are obtained for the referendum petitions.

We are outnumbered and I don't like being outnumbered. They (the Japs) have too many airplanes around these parts for comfort—Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, allied air forces commander in South Pacific.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"You can't imagine, Judge, how much comfort Louise and I got out of reading that recent report made by the government on drinking habits in and around Army camps. If you hadn't loaned us your copy we'd still be worrying about our Jim... all because of those silly rumors goin' around." "I'm mighty glad to hear that, John. As the report says, no Army in American history has been so orderly, so well-behaved, so well-trained. Why, even on pay-night, there's very little drinking done. I was particularly interested in that part which said the Army, with an eye to its own problem, usually prefers to have its camps in wet communities rather than dry communities because wet communities can be regulated... dry communities with their bootleggers can't. It's just more proof that prohibition does not prohibit."

American Pilots Plaster Burma Japs With Big Bombs

By THOBURN WIAN... A U. S. FIGHTER BASE, Northeastern India, April 23 (Delayed) (AP)—American pilots, flying P-40 fighter planes, have been plastering Japanese targets in Burma with 1000-pound bombs—500 pounds heavier than any bombs ever carried before in P-40s.

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