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Today's Roundup

COMPLAINTS from the public about the use of gasoline for pleasure or long trips have been rising in volume recently, and were probably responsible for certain definite statements of policy which were agreed upon at a local rationing board meeting this week.

The board, for instance, has received a complaint from "The Country Store Group"—not otherwise identified—about the automobile travel of professional men of the community. The country group asserted that certain local physicians had been going fishing on the coast or taking long trips into California.

There also has been considerable rumble about convention trips and other lengthy traveling, and all of this has come to the board's attention recently with increasing intensity.

At a meeting this week, the board adopted as a policy that Henry Moe, the board clerk, should not grant any gasoline for convention travel. While the board agreed to review any individual case, all indications were that gas is not going to flow easily for people going to distant meetings.

A member of the board said frankly that he felt a mistake had been made in providing gasoline for convention travel in certain cases.

Asks for Names
CHIEF CLERK MOE has addressed a letter to the "country store group" in which he discusses the question of alleged preferred mileage abuse by physicians. The letter explains that it is obviously necessary to grant C ration books to physicians in order that they may have

adequate gasoline to care for the health of the people. However, the letter agrees, not all may be "worthy of the trust put in them."

The chief clerk goes on to point out that the board cannot revoke a ration book without a violation complaint which first must be sworn out and signed. He points out that the complainants should name the violators so the cases may be turned over to the investigation department.

These developments indicate that there is a growing tendency on the part of the public here to police itself. That tendency will be most effective if the criticism is directed in particular against those who perpetrate the abuses. If it is generally felt that there will be public condemnation in such cases, there will be fewer of them.

If there are to be definite rules and regulations on gasoline rationing, they should apply with equal force to all. No one should enjoy any privileges others cannot have.

And it occurs to us that people should refrain from placing the rationing officials on the spot by pressing them for special gasoline privileges, except in cases of extreme necessity. Most undeserving cases will undoubtedly be turned down, but occasionally one may slip through.

Gas for Service Men

THE local board has adopted a policy with regard to gasoline for service men home on leave which is most commendable.

The general policy is that five gallons a week should be allotted such service men. But if a fellow lives, for instance, at Beatty or Bly, the five gallons will hardly take him to town and back home again.

Our board has given the clerk authority to issue more gasoline to service men in such cases.

These young fellows are fighting a war for us. When they get a leave, they deserve such privileges as have been granted them by the board. We vote our approval of this policy.

News Behind the News

WASHINGTON, May 28—The new compromise substitute for the Ruml plan was advertised as a tax "abatement" and "forgiveness"—at least to the extent of 75 per cent.

More to the point, it is a tax increase. It will increase the taxes of nearly everyone making over \$30 a week by at least 12 1/2 per cent next year and 12 1/2 per cent more the year following (1944 and 1945).

The government expects to collect \$3,000,000,000 more from the taxpayers of the nation up to then, than if this "abatement" and "forgiveness" had not been provided. And the increase may be more than \$3,000,000,000 in the end.

Figure it out for yourself. A man with an \$1800 a year income pays \$103.20 (married, no dependents, and not including the victory tax). Under the "abatement," he will pay \$116.10 next year and the same the year after, and he will continue to pay this year exactly the same as usual—\$103.20 (plus the victory tax).

This increase of \$12.90 is compulsory, and is taken in cash, dollars and cents, coin of the realm. The forgiveness part of it is back debt which does not abate actual payments from now until the end of 1945 when the war will be over, we all presume and hope.

At that time, you will be even with the government. Thereafter, you will have to pay only on what you earn as you earn it.

Rich Man's Bill

IF THIS is a rich man's bill, every single person earning over \$15 a week is to be considered rich, (and every married man earning over \$30) because a full back-debt tax abatement is provided only for those owing the government less than \$50 taxes (meaning a single person earning less than \$800 a year, or a married person earning less than \$1500).

The increase is apt to be even greater for most of us than is above represented, because we are "abated" only on whichever one of the last two years we had the smaller income.

If perchance your income is smaller this year

than last—a rare case—you must continue payments the rest of this year on last year's taxes—the higher year.

If your income is larger this year than last, you must revise your current payments upward on September 15, and pay more than you otherwise would for the September 15 and December 15 payments.

This so-called "abatement" plan is supposed to be a compromise substitute for the Ruml plan. Yet it does not meet the problems the Ruml plan was intended to solve.

The Ruml plan was brought forward solely on the theory that taxes already were too high to collect fully, or that the end of the war would find the taxpayer unable to pay the government his back tax bill. It proposed full back-debt abatement without increasing payments.

Tax Increase

THIS plan or any compromise requiring any payment on the back debt in addition to payments on current income, is primarily a tax increase. And if the war ends anytime within the next two and a half years, you will still be owing the government some back taxes.

Naturally this side of the matter has not been stressed much to the taxpayer, who has been presented generally with the good features of the plan—the points that it will help to hold down inflation, that the accompanying 20 per cent withholding tax will soon enable the government to get its war money currently at the source (preventing evasions by workers shifting about) and so on.

There is another good feature which also has not been mentioned much. Passage of the bill is accompanied by a common understanding among congressmen that no attempt will be made to increase income tax rates until the end of 1945. Corporation taxes may be increased, a sales tax levied, etc., in response to Mr. Roosevelt's appeal for \$16,000,000,000 more taxes, but income rates will be left as they are, if everyone remembers the unwritten agreement.

Obviously, however, it is far more accurate to call the plan a "pay-as-you-go" scheme which will require increased tax payments for two and a half years more rather than a "forgiveness" or an "abatement," which is only its secondary aspect.

SIDE GLANCES



"You and the old rooster do all the crowing around here—but I notice the hens and me do all the work!"

Wake Raider Hurt



Injured while landing after the Army's air attack on Jap-held Wake Island, Lieutenant R. C. Arnold of Livingston, Calif., is lifted from a Liberator bomber at Seventh Air Force headquarters somewhere in the South Pacific. Major Russell Wolf of San Antonio, Tex., provides a shoulder for the bandaged Arnold to lean upon.

SCHOOL GIRLS

READY TO CARE FOR CHILDREN

The child care class, sponsored by the Red Cross, completed its course this week. Eleven girls of junior high and senior high school age were given general instruction in child care.

They were also given a little first aid. They went out to different homes for an afternoon of apprentice work later in the week.

After these girls finished the course, they were given certificates, and a wage scale was set up. They are now ready to take care of children for working parents or for an afternoon or evening.

Anyone wishing information about these girls may call 8700.

The Germans are bound to lose (in Tunisia) unless they knock out five of our tanks for every one of their own that is lost.—Lieut.-Gen. J. L. Devers.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERTHA BELL, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that we have filed our final account of the administration of the above entitled estate and that the above entitled court has appointed June 12, 1943 at 10 a. m. as the time for hearing objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

EVERETT M. BELL
LLOYD BELL
Administrators of said estate.

M 14-21-28; J 4—No. 229.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. KINCAID, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed executor of the last will and testament and estate of John A. Kincaid, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with the proper vouchers, to me at the office of William Ganong, 724 Main street, Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

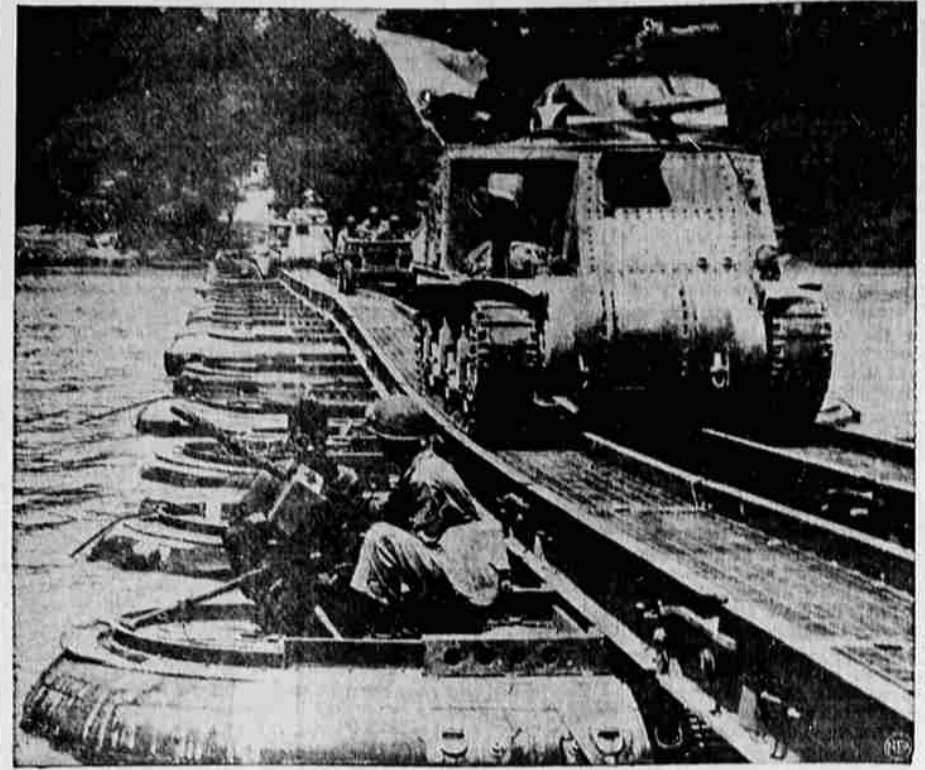
Dated May 28, 1943.
GEORGE KINCAID,
Executor of said Estate.
M 28; J 4-11-18—No. 237.

NOTICE OF ESTRAYS
Notice is hereby given that William Tubach, Route 2 Box 751, Klamath Falls, Oregon, did on or about the 7th day of December, 1942, take an estray Holstein bull calf about eleven months old, color black and white, no brands; also an estray Jersey bull calf, about eleven months old, color dark tan, no brands.

On the 15th of June, 1943, at 2 p. m. at the William Tubach ranch, Route 2, Box 751, Klamath Falls, Oregon, I will sell at public auction said animals to satisfy costs of keeping, expenses incurred, including constable and justice fees, costs of advertising sale and such other costs and expenses regularly made.

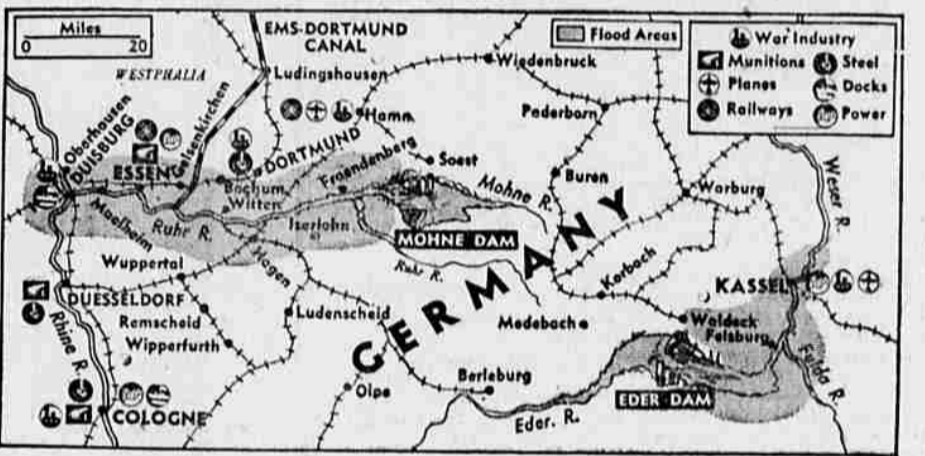
L. L. LOW,
Sheriff, Klamath County
Klamath Falls, Oregon.
M 28; J 4—No. 236.

Power and Pontons



(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo from NEA) Passing over a machine gun-guarded ponton bridge, a big U. S. tank makes the structure sag a bit, but goes safely across. Behind it come a jeep and another tank on maneuvers demonstrating use of pontons for crossing rivers where bridges have been destroyed.

Flood of Bombs and Water Hits Germany



All axis Europe is taking a flood-tide pounding from allied bombers and two of western Germany's big industrial areas are flooded as the result of a dramatic RAF raid. Blasting of the Mohne and Eder dams has inundated cities and war factories, washed out railroads, bridges, docks and communications systems, and threatened use of many of Germany's canals. Map shows flooded areas.

KLAMATH RANKS WITH LEADERS IN DEATH CUT

CHICAGO, May 28 (AP)—Since Pearl Harbor, America has amassed a traffic death toll of 38,300, of whom 22,500 were workers, the national safety council reported today and said the figures were evidence that wartime restrictions have proved no cure-all for manpower-drainage traffic accidents.

The peak traffic danger period, the council added, will begin with the Memorial Day holiday. It called upon all public officials, traffic agencies and citizens to unite to make Memorial Day the occasion for starting a summer-long campaign to reduce traffic accidents.

Milwaukee continued to lead the four-month registration death rate rankings for cities of more than 500,000 population with a rate of only 2.7 deaths for each 10,000 registered vehicles. Washington and Detroit followed with rates of 3.2 and 3.6, respectively.

Among leaders, ranked by registration death rates, were: 10,000 to 25,000 population: Klamath Falls, Ore.; Kenmore, N. Y., and Palo Alto, Calif., all 0.0.

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press
A record of 21 carloads of tin cans have been shipped from Oregon so far this month, the state salvage committee reported.

Funeral rites for Thomas W. Ladd, 66, former mortician at Salem and McMinnville, will be held Saturday at McMinnville. Lloyd O. Matthieu was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence in Portland circuit court on his plea of guilty to a charge of false statement to the state unemployment compensation commission to obtain unemployment compensation.

Delbert Anderson, claiming a tractor at the Kesterson logging camp in Klamath county struck a tree and caused it to fall on him, filed a \$17,500 personal injury damage suit in federal court at Portland against the Kesterson Lumber corporation of Klamath Falls.

The first practical lawn mower was invented in 1868.

'Dunkirk Practice Evacuation For San Franciscans



Should the Japanese ever bomb San Francisco, Civilian Defense authorities are not going to be caught napping. Here they execute a mass evacuation of a group of 2000 persons, including air raid wardens and their families. A fleet of 360 civilian-owned power boats carried the "evacuees" to a point of safety six miles away.

To Take Throne?



Likely successor to King Victor Emmanuel if he quits Italy's throne is his son, Crown Prince Umberto, above.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Just one more question before you go, Judge. What is this thing called propaganda you hear so much talk about these days?"

"I'll give you an example, Hank. Last night I was reading an interesting little book called 'Hitler is in Favor'. It told how Hitler would very much like to see Americans fighting among themselves over prohibition because that would create disunity, waste the time of Congress and legislatures in wet-dry arguments and cripple our war effort. It also mentioned a booklet written about Hitler's government telling how Hitler's gang wants to maintain contact with foreign temperance organizations and how it contributes annually to an international temperance union.

"You can bet Hitler isn't interested in seeing prohibition advanced in our country for any reason except that he knows it's a good way to stir up trouble. That's what they mean by propaganda, Hank."