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# Herald and News

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## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY  
THE WAC is celebrating this week. No longer simply an auxiliary, it is this week taken into the army, with every WAC taking the oath given every soldier.

It is an occasion for great rejoicing among WACs, because they feel it is a recognition of the accomplishments of the 65,000 women who have volunteered in this service.

Nearly 40 girls from the Klamath basin have gone into the WACs, and are performing their duties with honor. The corps is represented locally by a very personable official recruiter, Lieutenant Betty Herring, and a very personable civilian recruiter, Mrs. C. Jester.

Lieutenant Herring tells us that every individual has worked overtime during the past year to prove to the army she could do certain army jobs as well if not better than men. The real compensation came when the act creating the Women's Army Corps, making it an integral part of the army, was approved on July 1, 1943.

### More WACs Wanted

GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, chief of staff, has stated the army wants more WACs, and this week special effort is being made in Klamath Falls to recruit for this service. Here are the eligibility requirements of a WAC:

- She is a citizen of the United States.
- She is between the ages of twenty and fifty years.
- She can submit satisfactory proof as to date

of birth and citizenship. She has an excellent character. She has two years of high school and a qualifying mental alertness score... the high school requirement is waived if mental alertness score reveals exceptional ability.

She is in good physical health and qualified according to height and weight — minimum standard for height is fifty-eight inches, maximum six feet; minimum weight 100 pounds.

She has no one dependent upon her for financial support unless such support can be met entirely by means other than that derived from her pay as a WAC.

She has no children under fourteen years of age, unless a final order of a court of proper jurisdiction has conferred without reservation on a person other than the natural mother, responsibility for the care, support, custody and control of a child or children under fourteen years of age.

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### Home Front, Too

IT WAS clear from the start, to anyone who has observed women working in business and industry, that a women's corps could perform many valuable non-combatant services for the army, navy and coast guard. There are many jobs even in military services, which women handle as well as or better than men.

Women, likewise, are doing outstanding work on the home front, there also replacing men qualified to go to the fighting lines.

When the story of this war and the victory is told, great credit will justly go to the women of America.

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## News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—The great governmental thinkers have been promising a new golden dream life of security from the cradle to the grave (financed by tremendous taxation on wages).

I don't know how they are getting along at the cradle end, but they recently had a helluva time at the grave here.

At one of the largest cemeteries in Washington, where at least three persons are buried a day (including new dealers), the 12 grave diggers started last winter threatening to go on strike. They claimed they could not live on \$33 a week and support families of four or five children, and they demanded a raise of \$3 a week.

This sounded fair enough to the cemetery board handling that eleemosynary organization. It authorized the increase, but Manpower McNutt had ruled that grave digging is not an essential occupation—a bitterly ironical judgment, especially in war. The board, therefore, had to get government approval before the increase could be granted and sought its lawyer. Then the fun started, away back last March.

Papers were prepared and a case was presented to the regional wage stabilization director. The cemetery board was forced to get affidavits from each grave digger showing how much he spent for doctors' bills, medicine, children in school, and what not, and swearing he needed the \$3 a week more.

### It Drags On

THE case dragged on weeks and months, with telephone calls, letters, and presentations of heavy documents containing a lot of "pursuant theretos," "ipso factos," and everything except "E Pluribus Unum." Finally in April, the wage director denied the application. He sent a printed form letter, more legal in its language than any decision the supreme court ever issued. At one place in it, the form read:

"The following comments are applicable to your case;" followed by a blank space where he inserted, "none." (Incidentally, have you ever seen a government form among the many

you have filled out these past years that ever gave an opportunity to face the facts of your individual case clearly?)

Well, the cemetery people decided to fight and filed an appeal. The grave diggers were grumbling both outwardly and inwardly, but were kept at work by a patient management, willing to foot all the expense of getting them a raise. The appeal papers were drawn up containing more affidavits.

Finally, last month, the mighty regional appeal board handed down its proud judgment. It too denied the application, inserting, however a "but," a very large "but."

It directed that the board switch the workers to an hourly wage rate, and juggle the rate, and work the men more hours so that they could be paid all but 28 cents of the increase agreed upon six months before by the grave diggers and their employers.

No more typical example could be found of the depths of nonsense to which war regulations have plunged the average man and woman. You have to hire a lawyer to live these days.

### Alas, Poor Yorick

THE national laws are necessary to stop inflation, just as all these national regulations, no doubt, are necessary, but in the enforcement of them, a tyrannical stringency is practiced which is absurd. Bureaucrats from top to bottom issue orders to each other, refusing to let each other deviate one iota from a national order.

Many good men are in those organizations, but there are also many marionettes and shavetail gauleiters who cannot see above the letter of the law to the human beings trying to live. Any reasonable man outside the government in the above case would have given the grave diggers their raise without a moment's hesitation, saving thousands of dollars of time and expense in view of the eleemosynary, health, humane, or any of the other considerations involved.

Alas, poor Yorick, he did not know what the world was coming to. Let all these proud and mighty officials look up the real origin of the "cradle to the grave" phrase. It comes from an 18th century poem by John Dyer:

A little rule, a little sway  
A sunbeam on a winter's day  
Is all the proud and mighty have  
Between the cradle and the grave.

able to plan your dessert so that the soufflé can go directly from the oven to table. Soufflés must be served immediately—otherwise they may fail.

**MENU**  
BREAKFAST: Bowl of mixed fruit, cracked wheat cereal, raisin toast, butter or fortified margarine, coffee, milk.  
LUNCHEON: Corn and green pepper soufflé, enriched bread, butter or fortified margarine, applesauce, tea, milk.  
DINNER: Beef, oatmeal and carrot loaf, tomato sauce, baked potatoes, eight-minute cabbage, sliced peaches, coffee molasses cake, coffee, milk.

### Sumner Welles Still on Vacation

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 31 (AP)—Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, today continued his vacation at this exclusive summer resort after cancelling train reservations for Washington last night.

A member of Welles' household said the undersecretary gave no indication of when he would return to Washington.

Weight of an average head of hair is five to 12 ounces.

## SIDE GLANCES



"No kidding, you should be in the movies! You have a quiet type of beauty—er, do you suppose I could get a special on this laundry, say a week from today?"

### Dr. Masters' Health Column—

## First Aid of Fractures Should Comfort Injured

By DR. THOMAS D. MASTERS

The primary care of a fracture is nearly always given by a layman. Accidents that bring about broken bones rarely occur in the presence of orthopedic surgeons. It is inevitable to do something until the injured person can be moved to the hospital. It is important that such efforts do no harm, and it is desirable that they contribute to the comfort of the injured.

Although the layman need not worry about the diagnosis of a fracture, he should recognize the possibility when an accident has taken place. Although the symptoms of a fracture vary widely with the type and location, in general, one should look for pain, the loss of function of the part, and deformity.

### FRACTURE SYMPTOMS VARY

While these symptoms are usually present when the extremities are involved, it is not always so. A rib fracture rarely shows deformity, but there is pain on breathing. Skull fractures may violate all these tenets, and fractures of the spine may occur with pain only. The rule should be that if there is a remote possibility of a fracture, it should be assumed to exist until careful examination and X-ray evidence have given the exact answer.

The essential points in applying first aid to fracture injuries are really few and simple. The

first is to apply a splint before the injured person is moved, regardless of the distance. Time is of little importance as a rule, but movement of the injured part may increase the damage.

When applying the splint to the arm or leg, always pull firmly on the hand or foot. This pull serves to splint the bone, and prevent more damage, and at the same time relieves the pain.

It would be desirable if such a pull could be continued until the hospital is reached. Such a procedure is rarely practical, and with a splint which satisfactorily immobilizes the fragments by extending the entire length of the extremity, it is not necessary.

### APPLYING FIRST AID

If an appropriate splint is not available, it is better to wait until one can be secured than attempt to rush the injured person to the hospital. When the spine is injured, the whole body should be splinted on a rigid stretcher or wide board. Skull fractures are protected by the fact that the bones are fixed and the fracture is always secondary in importance to the damage to the brain beneath.

All suspicious fractures should be examined by X-ray. This practice eliminates any doubt, and if a fracture is present, reveals its exact character. For this reason, anyone with a possible fracture should be taken to the hospital after the appropriate first aid is administered.

## From Other Editors

### SPINELESS VOTE CHASING

(Salem Capital Journal)  
Oregon's state board of control yesterday further qualified itself as a triumvirate of spineless, vote-chasing opportunists, who in this instance are playing shameless politics with 2700 of the state's helpless wards.

In an obvious bid for favor among the dairymen who, in view of the present critical shortage of the product, would be in no manner affected by the proposal, the board refused to grant a request by Superintendent J. C. Evans of the state hospital that he be permitted to partially substitute oleo-margarine for butter in the diets of patients at that institution to correct a woeful deficiency in fats.

No other reasoning satisfactorily explains the board's action. The substitution would, Dr. Evans asserts—and his assertion has not been competently refuted—add needed nutrition to the diet of the patients; it would be in conformity with the government's rationing program which stresses the conservation of butter for the armed forces and lend-lease; it has the sanction of the 1943 legislature (and previously that of Governor Snell, who wrote and signed the legislative act authorizing it), and would involve no additional expense to the state. The plan was to cut the use of butter from 540 pounds a week to 270 pounds, and with the saving purchase 800 pounds of margarine which can be bought for half the price of butter.

Objections voiced by the board members were typically those of vote-chasing politicians. Governor Snell characteristically declining to commit himself other than to suggest that the superintendent buy fewer "matches and carrots" and more butter. Secretary of State "Bob" Farrell, playing to the farmers in the grandstand by referring to the substitute as "Filipino but-

ter," took the easy way out by suggesting that the institution buy more butter, even though it entail creation of a budget deficit.

It remained, however, for State Treasurer Scott to really twist the eagle's tail and make it scream with demagoguery. Explaining that he feared the butter saved would only be shipped to Russia, he declared that "I have information that the Russians are using our butter to grease their boots." It would be interesting to know the source and authenticity of that information in passing upon the propriety of such baiting of a courageous ally by an official representative of the state of Oregon.

If butter-greased boots are the secret of Russian successes on the battlefields of eastern Europe, Oregon dairymen would gladly grease them all the rest of the way to Berlin.

### Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press  
Wayne Pcters, Canby, pinned in the cab of his truck-trailer which upset in Portland, escaped with minor cuts and bruises but John Funk, Cornelius, driver of a light truck which was struck by steel plates thrown from the truck-trailer, was injured critically.

J. Fred Bergesch, war production board district manager, said at Portland that Oregon's scrap metal goal for the second half of 1943 has been increased to 110,000 tons—up 19 per cent.

The strawberry fruit worm has infested Clackamas county flax fields. County Agent Innes said at Oregon City. . . . Three New York engineers arrived in Portland to help draw up a post-war public works program to give employment to 90,000 persons.

Average elevation of the earth's surface above sea level is 2300 feet.

## EDEN AROUSES SPECULATION OF NEW TALKS

LONDON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Speculation on the possibility of an early Anglo-Russian-American conference was given a new boost yesterday when it was learned that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will meet both Ivan Malsky, former Russian ambassador to Great Britain, and U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant today.

The meeting between representatives of the three big powers might have been held even earlier, diplomatic sources indicated, except for the fact that Eden is reporting today to his war cabinet colleagues on the results of the Quebec conference between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

Many diplomatic observers are convinced that Eden, Malsky and Winant will consider the possibilities of joint, personal, three-power conversations, at least on the "foreign minister level."

It was announced yesterday that Eden had returned to England by plane from the Quebec war councils and at the same time it was reported that Malsky, replaced in Britain as ambassador only recently, had returned.

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### SIGN OF THE TIMES?

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Blacksmith Harry P. Tegler reported to police the theft of his horse-shoeing truck, complete with anvil, horseshoes and other equipment.

Classified Ads Bring Results

## The War Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Never since Hitler broke his pledged word and attacked Russia has the position of his armies on the eastern front been so precarious as it has become with the loss of his right wing anchor—Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov.

That right wing is now like a pennant on a flag-pole, its fluttering loose end subject to the winds that sweep across it. Of course, that's a very unflattering and exaggerated figure of speech, but it will have served its purpose if it emphasizes the danger of the nazi position.

### REDS CRUSH ON

Having taken this major stronghold, which is one of the vital parts of the gateway to the oil fields of the Caucasus, the red army today is reported crushing its way steadily westward along the coast of the Sea of Azov. Small wonder that Marshall Stalin ordered a 124 gun salute in Moscow in honor of the red army, while all Russia exulted in the prowess of their men at arms.

The fall of Taganrog was effected by the application of a pair of great pincers to the Hun line. The reds thrust fiercely into the German defenses forty miles above Taganrog and started a turning movement southward towards that port. Meanwhile, another Russian force was smashing directly at the nazi anchor from the east. The Hitlerites had to run or be surrounded.

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### SIGN OF WEAKNESS

That seems to sum the matter up neatly. If the invaders don't counter-attack, or if they make the attempt and fail, it will be significant as showing that the German war machine has lost a tremendous amount of that awful striking power which long terrified the world.

### CAN'T BE TOO SOON

NEW RIVER, N. C. (AP)—Col. Samuel Calvin Cumming, a marine corps officer here, is looking forward to the time he can go back to his birthplace—and he hopes to take his whole regiment with him.

The place: Kobe, Japan. The colonel's parents were serving there as missionaries at the time of his birth.

Great Dane dogs are more German than Danish.

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