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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
NOW begins the season of the year that is the great pride of the Klamath country. Our summers are fine; we like the he-man winters that feature plenty of sunshine along with real winter weather; we don't say much about the spring.

But nowhere are the falls more to our taste.

Now come the brisk mornings, the warm, sunny noons, the balmy evenings, that altogether make the perfect day.

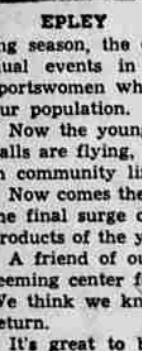
Now approach the pheasant hunting season, the duck hunting season, the deer hunting season, great annual events in the lives of sportsmen and sportswomen who make up a large portion of our population.

Now the youngsters are back in school, footballs are flying, and there is a quickening pace in community life.

Now comes the harvest of a great potato crop, the final surge of labor that makes secure the products of the year's agricultural program.

A friend of ours, who has been in a distant teaming center for a year or two, is just back. We think we know why he chose this time to return.

It's great to be in the Klamath country in the autumn.



"Localism" Praised

BECAUSE this column is devoted primarily to subjects of local and regional interest, we were particularly gratified by a statement made on "American localism" the other day by Eric Johnston, the president of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

"I make no apology for American localism," said Mr. Johnston in a talk to the members of the British chambers of commerce in London. "I take pride and comfort in it, for it holds the germ of a soundly-based world hope. It is close to the lives of men and women. I think we have talked too much of peoples in the mass and not enough about the people who make the locality. You will never get a good world except through good localities, you will never get good localities except through good people, and you will never get peace except through a good world."

For a long time, there has been a tendency on the part of cynics to make fun of the various civic organizations that are the product of American localism. Mr. Johnston answered them neatly.

In these years of world-shaking events, it is important to keep alive the home town spirit of America, for that is what makes America. The men who have gone from our home town, to fight for it, expect to return to it and find it good. It is our job to see to it they are not disappointed.

A WAC Takes Over

THIS theory about the WACs taking over various non-combatant jobs is demonstrated here by the announcement that Lieutenant Betty Herring, a WAC, is to be the army recruiter in charge of the Klamath substation.

She replaces Sergeant Frank Huhin, who has been army recruiter here for nearly four years. Lieutenant Herring has been recruiting here for the WACs. Now she is going to do the whole job, and probably will have a WAC helper. We predict she will do it well.

A good word is in order for Sergeant Huhin. He has represented the recruiting service efficiently here, and has taken a solid interest in community life. Here's wishing him success in his new job, whatever and wherever it is.

Looking to Oregon

QUITE a lot has been said in the Oregon press recently about an item in Time, the news magazine, in which it is stated that Major General Eaker, commander of the 8th air force, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur T. Harris of the RAF bombing command, want to come to Oregon when the fighting is over.

Quoting Time:

"Eaker and Harris like to talk over what they want to do after the war. Eaker sticks to his dream of running a country newspaper. Harris wants to go fishing. They have decided that Oregon is the best spot for both of them—good spot for a small paper, wonderful fishing."

We've been around Oregon newspaper offices for a good many years. We've spent some time, without great luck but with great pleasure, on Oregon's fishing streams. We can attest to the good judgment of Eaker and Harris.

Milton-Freewater Gridders Prepare For Walla Walla Go

MILTON-FREEWATER, Sept. 7 (P)—McLoughlin Union high school griders are working out under their new coach, Bob Klavano, in preparation for their opening game with Walla Walla high September 17.

Klavano, a Whitman college graduate, had considerable success as a coach at Okanogan, Wash. He resigned to enter the marines but suffered an injury which brought his discharge.

News Behind the News

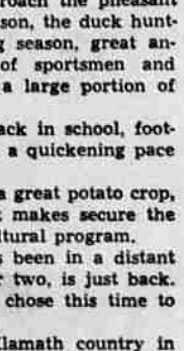
By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—A major perplexity of this war has been furnished by the sporadic confusing news from Europe as to whether Rome is, has been, or can be made an open city to save it from air attack.

The authorities here and in Sicily habitually have covered the problem with an over-all silence in the face of appeals and critical blasts from the Rome radio.

The situation developed a few weeks ago, after our first bombing raid, when the Rome radio announced simply that the capital of Italy was an open city. No details were given as to the removal of military objectives. Only a simple statement of fact was offered.

I was under the impression then that military custom required a neutral observer to inspect the city to verify the contention of the enemy that its military significance had been wholly cleared. Then, I assumed it could not be bombed. I was wrong. Apparently, there is no accepted military law or custom established on the subject.

The next development came when we bombed Rome a second time. Afterward, the Rome radio again proclaimed its city open, and this time offered some testimony (not otherwise verified) that it had demilitarized its beloved capital and the seat of so many Christian and artistic shrines and antiquities, including the Vatican.



Suspicious

THIS brought only a rejoinder from an anonymous British spokesman, as far as I saw. He claimed he was suspicious of the radio report and that the Italian plea would not be accepted.

No one offered any neutral confirmation of the facts but we stopped bombing it. There, apparently, the problem was left in nebulous silent confusion.

The only recognized international law on the subject was written before the airplane came into the bombing use it has developed in this war. One dominant authority, Professor John Westlake, had held, in his research writings, that a city cannot be declared open until it is about to be surrendered.

"The price of declaring a city open from bombardment is that the place must be left open for the enemy to enter it," he said, writing before the day of the plane.

If this is true, no city could be protected from planes until land forces are about to enter it. Before Rome the only cities declared open in this war (Paris, and Manila) fitted the Westlake interpretation, as they were about to be surrendered.

But, in Italy, the axis continued defending the boot south of the city, and not even the Rome radio had indicated at that time that the city would surrender.

I think the real root of our policy of silent confusion was that military men at General Eisenhower's headquarters were suspicious of Italian ability truly to demilitarize the city. They knew that the Germans had come through Rome on the railroad to fight us in the south, that the seat of Italian government remained there, including the war department headquarters, and that Italian communications all go through Rome.

Berlin Next?

ON OUR second bombing raid, we were met with both ack-ack fire from the ground and fighter plane opposition which indicated clearly Italian defenses had not been withdrawn. Eisenhower apparently decided to keep the question open, if not the city.

The same situation no doubt will arise over Berlin. Destruction which the German capital has taken from the air probably eventually will develop an appeal to save its historic landmarks from the fate of Hamburg, although they have none of the religious significance of Rome.

Some new international law must be written on the subject. A standard must be fixed. A reasonable custom must be adopted. It is both savage and wasteful to bomb churches and civilian populations as we realized fully during the relentless nazi bombings of London.

A simple basis of justice in the matter could be established, it seems to me, along the line which I erroneously thought had been established. Neutral observers can certainly furnish trustworthy evidence, could, in fact, investigate every radioed question asked by an attacking commander, and valued cities could be demilitarized physically by negotiation on that basis.

In any event, the facts should be made public officially—all of them. Our attitude always is justified, or should be—and the justification for it should be presented officially to the public.

Work Slackers Face Maimed Soldiers

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 7 (P)—Four men, discharged from a shipyard on the ground they had played cards on company time, received war manpower commission certificates permitting them to take other jobs only after facing three soldiers who lost limbs in the nation's service.

London's Holborn viaduct, opened by Queen Victoria in 1869, was the first important over-pass bridge to be built.

BIG HAT

LUBBOCK, Tex., (P)—A glider pilot student at South Plains army air field lost his wallet containing \$50.

Aware of his plight, fellow students passed the hat.

Contributions totalled \$78.47.

Only one couple in five marrying about the age of 21 lives to celebrate a golden wedding anniversary.

On announcing a guest, the "butler" of ancient Rome immediately served him a goblet of milk as a sign of welcome.

SIDE GLANCES



"I'm only 17, but if we get married you could quit—as a married man I would have a \$24 weekly tax exemption as soon as I'm earning that much!"

The War Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

This past long weekend has been a notable one for allied arms around the world.

Since the invasion of France across the English channel is one of the paramount issues of the moment, I think we must place among the foremost of the developments an announcement in the Washington Evening Star. The Star's foreign affairs writer, Constantine Brown, says he learns on the highest authority that General George C. Marshall, U. S. chief of staff, will be named commander in chief of any allied invasion of the continent from England.

This means, Brown pointed out, "that preparations for operating across the English channel are sufficiently advanced to select a leader." He emphasizes, however, that well-informed circles say this must not be taken as meaning the invasion is ready to begin within the next few weeks.

Well, whether the invasion comes soon or late, what we have to keep in mind is this: when it does arrive, and we have an allied army safely ashore in France, it's going to place an unescapable squeeze on Herr Hitler, for he will be between the Russians on the east and the other United Nations on the west.

Unhappy Christmas

Should the allies be able to carry out this most dangerous and difficult of all operations this year, the nazi all highest will have a very, very unhappy Christmas.

Fitting this announcement like a glove is the news of the continued red advance against the nazi right wing. Soviet forces are smashing at the gates of the big industrial city and mining center of Staling which is the key position of the Germans in the rich Donets basin. The invaders have held this strong point ever since they captured it almost two years ago and have fortified it heavily as their main bastion in the south.

Grip Rail Line

Farther north the Reds have tightened their grip on the strategic Bryansk-Kiev railway which controls a wide sweep of territory. Up in the Smolensk sector, along the route where Napoleon broke his back, the Germans have been counter-attacking fiercely, but Moscow reports that all thrusts have been repulsed.

So goes the story on the eastern front until we have a composite picture of the great nazi army being steadily beaten back along the entire 600 miles of the German right flank. The situation of the Hitlerites is indeed serious. Unless they are able to stem the Russian onslaught they will be in danger of a debacle as they continue to withdraw their unwieldy line towards the defenses of the Dnieper.

Heaven's Intervention

Perhaps the autumn rains, which are about due, may intervene to give the Germans a chance to pull their badly mauled line together. But then will come the cold weather to freeze the ground, and the red attacks will be resumed again.

Out in the Southwest Pacific our General MacArthur is personally commanding a brilliant

Klamath's Yesterdays
From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican September 3, 1903
Ankeny and Cantrill are making important improvements on their big farm south of town.

The launch Tule started Monday making regular trips to Keno.

C. A. Bunting has bought 500 tons of hay of S. T. Summers.

From the Klamath News September 7, 1933
D. W. Ferguson company shipped the first carload of potatoes from the basin yesterday. The present price is \$1.30 a sack.

The chamber of commerce today sent a letter to Leslie M. Scott of the highway commission reminding him of an allocation of \$199,000 for the Weed-Klamath Falls highway.

More than 300 grangers from Klamath and Lake counties are expected at the joint picnic at Cottonwood grove, near Beatty, next weekend.

Oregon Republican Convention to Be Streamlined

EUGENE, Sept. 7 (P)—The 10th annual convention of Oregon republican clubs will be streamlined in keeping with wartime conditions, Robert M. Fischer, Jr., state president, said today.

The convention will convene September 20 at 2 p. m., and conclude at noon the next day. Governor Arthur B. Langlie of Washington will be principal speaker at the annual banquet.

Dr. Masters' Health Column— Homework Assignments Should Be Brief, Concise

By Dr. THOMAS D. MASTERS
September, for millions of people, means first of all the opening day of school. School means hours spent in study, both on the spot and at home. This year, the problem of how much study should be done at home takes on a special slant for many youngsters are now doing part-time work, turned over to them because of the shortage of manpower occasioned by the war.

The "pros" and "cons" of homework have been balanced against one another for many a year. Ideally, home study should be designed and executed to promote self-reliance, thoroughness, independence, responsibility, intellectual honesty, good habits of study, accuracy, neatness, and obedience in the face of necessary tasks. It is intended to keep children out of mischief, at home, and quiet.

HOME STUDY VALUE
Opponents of homework claim that it is a waste of time, inducement to cheat and rely on others, to do slovenly work, to suffer anxiety and loss of sleep, and real injury to the growing mind and body. Furthermore, they say it cuts the child out of his play-time, his hours of "loafing and inviting the soul," his "activities"—clubs, arts, and music. Home, they believe, is a poor place in which to study, and parents bear the burden of both the work and the worry, as well as being deprived of the help and pleasure available through the child's companionship.

This fine mixture of opinions and ideas is clearly no solution for the child of 1943, or of any year, for that matter. As always, the factor of individuality enters both into the make-up of the problem and how it is to be worked out. Parents who object most to assignments are likely to have a child either slow at learning or over-conscientious. Parents of extremely energetic, able, and basically carefree children find homework an excellent check-rein of discipline, for conformity to which play is a reward.

PROBLEMS FOR SCHOOLS
Since homework is not given, generally speaking, before the fourth grade, and amounting to not more than an hour-and-a-half's study up to the high school age, the matter of how much homework to assign in wartime is chiefly a problem for the staff of the high school. As in everything, quality should be striven after above quantity, and principals should control the specialists in departmental work, so that too-elaborate preparation maps, notebooks, drawings, and essays is not demanded by each teacher.

If children are also contributing to winning the war by outside work, it is especially important for teachers to make assignments brief as well as clear, and to provide some opportunities for supervised study at school.

It is the parents' duty to see that the child undertakes only as much outside work and spends as much time in homework as is consonant with his individual health requirements. He should also be provided at home with quiet, good lighting, ventilation, and proper writing facilities. If to clarity and tolerance, the teacher adds good judgment as to quantity of homework, the war and school may yet progress side by side.

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