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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 We offer the greeting sincerely to every reader of this column, with sobering thought for those of us on the home front that the year will be happiest for those who succeed in making real personal contributions to the cause to which our country is committed.



EPLEY

We go into another year with the war far from won, with our young men and many of our young women still far from home and in great danger, and with the future fraught with uncertainty. It is not a time for indifference, for callousness, for irresponsible pleasure-seeking at the cost of things either real or intangible that can be used for advancement of the war effort.

Hardship, so common to the men and women in combat areas, is virtually unknown here. Life goes on pretty much as usual. Probably our fighting folk want it that way, but surely in the year will come opportunity to each of us to make personal sacrifices that will, in the aggregate, help the cause along. Let's go into 1945 resolved to make those sacrifices readily, and help pinch off every possible second from the length of the war.

Responsibilities

THE year 1944 brought many changes to this community. It experienced a sharp rise in many activities in connection with the beginning operation of two military installations; it discovered many problems, and learned many lessons.

By and large, it discharged its obligations in this situation with honor. But what has happened has shown the constant need for vigilance against changes in community attitude that would be unworthy.

In a very definite sense, we are on trial. Here is concentrated a large group of combat veterans—proportionately, we believe, the largest in the United States. Here they have virtually their first contact with civilians after returning from the fighting fronts. What happens here can do a lot toward making or breaking their spirit, their faith, their ability to condition themselves for a favorable return to civilian life.

At the same time, we have a considerable number of men who are spending their last shore duty here before going into combat. Here, again, their relationships with the community can be extremely important to morale. Nor should we forget the military guardsmen at Tulelake, whose duties are such that they, too, need a bucking up in spirit that comes from wholesome and favorable contacts with civilians.

We do have exceptional responsibilities, brothers. But they are also exceptional opportunities.

They Call This Home

CUSTOMARILY, we do a little forecasting and reviewing in this final column of the year. That has been quite well taken care of

in many news stories and signed articles appearing elsewhere in this paper, and we recommend their perusal in the two-day holiday weekend ahead.

No one with a real interest in the community can fail to feel the necessity for constructive preparation for the post-war years, in the fields of both public and private enterprise. We have done considerable talking here today about our responsibilities to the men stationed in this area—this planning for the future is a responsibility to the men and women who call this their home, and hope to return to it soon to carve out useful, happy lives.

These matters have not gone without attention in the past year, but as they are brought forward for consideration in 1945, they should receive a showing of interest from more of our people. Too many of us sit idly-by and wait for others to do things.

The War Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

SECRETARY OF WAR STIMSON says it's "too early to pass judgment as to whether any person or group of persons should be censured in connection with the German breakthrough on the western front."

Nobody is likely to challenge that, and in any event the fixing of blame—if any—is a matter for the military authorities and not for observers. Still we may be excused for puzzlement over the phenomenon of a quarter million Nazi troops being thrown against our line unexpectedly. Certainly we are left with the rude question of why it is that, quite apart from the break-through, we Americans and other nationalities so often have underestimated the capabilities and initiative of the Germans.

Wrong Guess

THE whole world underestimated the ability of "shattered" Germany to recover quickly after the World War. The Anglo-French allies guessed wrong again at the time of the Munich conference. When I returned to London after attending that historic parley, which lighted the fuse for World War II, I tried to tell friends that Hitler was brewing catastrophe, and they said:

"Nonsense, my lad. He's just a one-armed paper-hanger."
 So it goes. Despite many lessons, the recent war was produced numerous examples. Along with these there has grown up the curious idea that when the Germans make a brave stand in battle it's "fanaticism" and that actually at heart they have no stomach for fighting and are likely to quit.

Perhaps where we go wrong is in forgetting that all Germans, placid or otherwise, are particularly adaptable to regimentation, and the mainspring of German militarism and barbarism is the powerful Prussian race of overlords. These junkers of great wealth have for generations made war and leadership their sole business.

Savagery

THE Nazi Fuehrer has superimposed on this evil structure something infinitely worse. He has deprived German youth of their religion and created in them the spirit of savagery that has resulted in some of the most horrible atrocities the world has known. He had much fertile soil for his seed, because the Prussian is by nature a wholly ruthless and conscienceless killer.

So we have no reason to regard German military skill, leadership, bravery, or utter brutality with any degree of complacency. There's never a moment when the German isn't dangerous. He will become more so as we push onto his home soil.

SIDE GLANCES



"Guess I'll have to apologize for our Christmas candy—must be weak or something, because I didn't have any of the stomach aches they said I'd have!"

SOCIETY

OES Installation

MALIN—Prosperity chapter, No. 180, Order of the Eastern Star, at Malin, has installed its officers to serve during the coming year. They are Mrs. Arle Mae Johnson, worthy matron; P. G. Wilson, worthy patron; Beaulah Reber, associate matron; Harold Dehlinger, associate patron; Thelma Stukel, secretary; Ann Fruits, treasurer; Marion Wilson, conductress; Gladys Halousek, associate conductress; Ethel Hamilton, chaplain; Leah Street, marshal; Mildred Lahoda, organist; Iris Hammer, warder; Joe Halousek, sentinel.

Helen Ann Ottoman, Adah; Agnes Schreiner, Ruth; Hazel Kaina, Esther; Dorothy Dehlinger, Electa.

The colorful ceremony, which was held in the Malin Presbyterian church, followed a dinner at 6:30 p. m. at which the Eastern Star and their husbands as well as members of the Malin Masonic lodge and their wives were guests.

Installing officers were Mrs. Florence DeMerritt, installing worthy matron; Mrs. Alma Cofer of Klamath Falls, installing musician; Mrs. Carrie Golden of Tulelake, installing marshal; Mrs. Dora Blatch of Merrill, installing chaplain.

Eleanor Mettice of Klamath Falls presented two vocal selections, and Mrs. E. Webb Staunton of Tulelake played several piano numbers. The incoming worthy matron was presented with a gift from the chapter.

If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

Our Home Town

New Year's

By EARL WHITLOCK
 This being the traditional resolution time of the year, would it be out of line if I should suggest a resolution that we all might well make and try our best to keep?

A resolution that we will not be deluded by over-great hopes of early victory into a lessening of our efforts to win the war. That we will not let down. That we will not depend on that old cliché that one Yank can lick a dozen Japs or Nazis and get the feeling that we are coasting to war's end. Because any man who has been in combat with either the Japs or the Nazis will assure you that they are very effective and tough fighting men and that it takes a group of exceptionally good soldiers to lick them—and that those soldiers must be backed up by top equipment and lots and lots of it.

The equipment matter is where we—you and I—come in. The backing for the fighting men. That's our job. Let's resolve to make that our first and most important duty. You don't have to work in a war plant to fulfill it. Your money, your time, your mental attitude—all of them contribute to the production efforts of the nation. Don't let down.



Next Tuesday Mr. Whitlock, of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home will comment on Another Year of Service

CITY BRIEFS

Transferred—Lt. Jean Morrison, who has been in charge of the WAC recruiting personnel here, is being transferred to Portland for further duty and station. Lt. Morrison has been here since August 20, and will be replaced by Lt. John A. Walker, who is at present on leave in Los Angeles. He was formerly liaison officer between the civilian recruiting committees of Oregon and Portland recruiting headquarters.

Son Home—PFC William Ray Stillwell, son of Mrs. Mae Stillwell, 2140 Applegate, messaged his mother from San Diego that he will arrive home within a short time. William has been in the South Pacific for the past two years. He is a graduate of KUHS and has many friends in Klamath Falls who will be glad to hear of his arrival.

Women of Moose—The Women of the Moose will meet in regular session, Tuesday evening, January 2, at 8 o'clock in the hall. Chairmen of Academy of Friendship, library, membership, Moosehaven, Mooseheart, publicity and war relief, will make reports at this time. There will also be a gift exchange.

To Seattle—Katherine Barry of Kelso, Wash., who has been a house guest at the William Bishop home, 429 N. 9th, this past week, will leave today, Saturday, for Seattle to resume her studies at the University of Washington.

Junior Matrons—The Junior Matrons will meet on Tuesday, January 2, at 8 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Victor Phillips, 1005 High, with Mrs. E. W. Tomlin and Mrs. W. L. Terrivilliger as hostesses. Members are requested to bring their handwork to the meeting.

Book Club—The AAUW afternoon book club will meet at the home of Mrs. G. C. Blohm, 1234 Pacific Terrace, Wednesday at 2 p. m. Mrs. Hazel Todd will review Kathleen Winsor's "Forever Amber."

Meet Cancelled—There will not be a meeting of Neighbors of Woodcraft on Monday, January 1, as previously announced, as the date falls on New Year's night.

Visits Parents—Melvin Miller, flight officer, United States army, has been here over the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick B. Miller. He leaves December 31, and will report back to Lincoln, Neb.

Past Noble Grand—Members of the Past Noble Grand club of Rebekahs will hold a potluck luncheon, Tuesday at 1 p. m., in IOOF hall with Kate Hogue and Frances Kangas in charge.

Reclamation Head Here—F. A. Banks, reclamation director of region one, which includes most of the projects in Washington,

Idaho and Oregon with the exception of the Klamath project, called at the Klamath reclamation offices Friday afternoon en route to Bend. Banks was the construction engineer in charge of Grand Coulee dam.

From Tulelake—Luke McAnulty, chief pumping plant operator of the bureau of reclamation at Tulelake, was in Klamath Falls today, Saturday, on business.

Joins Husband—Marie Kennedy, wife of Mel Kennedy, re-

cruiter in charge of the Klamath navy recruiting station, arrived here Friday from Salem to join her husband. They are temporarily residing at 1718 Crescent.

Ten per cent of all copper produced in the United States comes from the precipitation of copper in copper-bearing mine waters.

When the United States entered the war there were more than 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry living in the far western states.



A politician leaving office... wishes you and yours
A Happy New Year
 After Jan. 1st full time.
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"What's a formula, anyhow?"

"Her... er... formula? What's that? You see, I'm a pretty new father. Nancy's only three months old. My wife brought her up to Portland to see me when I got shore leave. She took sick and is in a Portland hospital. I'm taking the baby down to her gramma's in Los Angeles."

Now you may think this quite an unusual situation—a sailor traveling on a train, alone, with a three months old baby, without even knowing her formula. But it isn't. Lots of things like this happen every day on our crowded wartime trains. That's why we have Passenger Aides on our trains that carry a large number of coach passengers. These specially trained women help make travel as comfortable as possible for women, children and elderly people.

One minute they're fixing a baby's formula, the next minute they're giving first aid to a cut on Johnny's leg, or helping care for a person who is not accustomed

to traveling. Little things, perhaps. But little things that are mighty important to our passengers.

Passenger Aides are just one of the steps we've taken to improve our service to those who must travel in war time. In a way they represent the type of helpful, friendly service all our people try to give, even though it's hard these days, being as short-handed as we are.

S.P.
 The friendly Southern Pacific

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican

Dec. 23, 1904
 Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, joint state representative of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant counties, left this week for Salem. He will offer a bill to help stop killing livestock on the range. (Editor's Note: Dr. Steiner went on to become the long-time superintendent of the Oregon state hospital).

The Catholic church and school will occupy a whole block in Fairview addition.

From the Klamath News

Dec. 30, 1934
 The Bend area today was held in the grip of the year's worst blizzard.

Mrs. Leda Parker, Klamath Falls, state president of the Business and Professional Women's clubs, has been honored by various social events here this week.

Contracts For Cargo, Tanker Ships Given

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 (P)—Two Portland Kaiser shipyards today held contracts to build 25 more Victory cargo ships and six more T-2 type tankers for the United States maritime commission.

They will be built by Oregon Shipbuilding corporation and Swan Island shipyard. General Manager Edgar F. Kaiser said he expects additional tanker contracts for Swan Island, which still has 21 keels to lay under its current program.

Baby Born In Snow Bank, Doing Well

CLEVELAND, Dec. 30 (P)—Teri Ann Zellman, who was born in a snow bank outside St. Luke's hospital, suffered no ill effects, hospital attendants reported today.

The mother, Mrs. Harry Zellman, fell as she started to enter the hospital yesterday. A few minutes later a motorist found the new born baby. Hospital attendants answer countless queries with: "The baby is satisfactory. Both mother and baby are doing well."

Civilians Removed From Belgian Towns

WITH U. S. FORCES ON THE WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 28 (Delayed) (P)—In three days, 12,000 civilians from 30 small Belgium towns were removed to safety by American forces under Lt. Col. Harry P. Cain, mayor-on-leave of Tacoma, Wash.

In some areas, however, the civilian population was forced to remain as the Americans kept the roads open for military traffic.

"Germans in American uniforms have tried to alarm civilians by telling them falsely that the 'Germans are in the next town, get going,'" related Lt. Col. William E. Dahl of Fort Worth, Texas. "But nowhere have the roads been clogged as they were when the Germans rolled west in 1940."

Tobacco manufacture, in one form or another, is as old as the south.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press

1. Western front: 301 miles (from near Duren.)
2. Russian front: 304 miles (from north of Warsaw.)
3. Hungarian front: 384 miles (from near Iron river.)
4. Italian front: 347 miles (from near Alifonsine.)

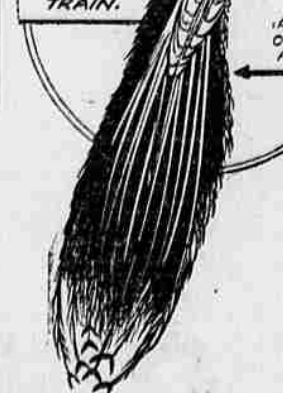
Monoplane Sighted By Coach Drivers

ELLENBURG, Dec. 30 (P)—A small monoplane resembling that reported missing on a flight from Missoula, Mont., to Yakima was reported by the state patrol last night to have been sighted by two Washington motor coach drivers near the Columbia river Tuesday.

The patrol said it was told the plane turned north.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

THE PEACOCK DOES NOT HAVE A LONG TAIL! ITS DISPLAY FEATHERS ARE FORMED BY THE UPPER TAIL COVERTS, AND FORM WHAT IS PROPERLY KNOWN AS A TRAIN.



BUTTERFLIES DO NOT VISIT ROSES! ROSES CONTAIN NO NECTAR...AND NECTAR FURNISHES THE SOLE FOOD SUPPLY OF THE BUTTERFLY.



Kurz Korner

WHAT IS THE PLURAL OF WHARF, PROBOSCIS, ESKIMO, OCTOPUS?



ANSWER: Wharves, proboscises, Eskimos, octopuses.