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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

ACTIVE and informative discussion has followed the protests, lodged by Klamath and Lake county courts, against a proposed land exchange transaction between the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company of Bend and the national forest service...



EPLEY

Inasmuch as a major objective of the protests, as we saw it, was to promote just discussion and to develop facts about this deal and the whole exchange program...

As we are sure the courts will not take a stubborn stand that is shown to them, conclusively, to be retarding the war effort.

Non-Cash Deal

WHAT is proposed is this: that Shevlin-Hixon deed the lands to the forest service, and in return will receive an equal value of timber from forest service lands.

The county courts objected mainly on the grounds that the transfer to federal ownership would remove the Shevlin-Hixon lands and timber from the tax rolls...

Space will not permit republication here of the lengthy treatment of the question by the Bend Bulletin, which, from the standpoint of Bend community interest, has made a sincere effort to get at the facts.

The matter of the county failing to get 25 per cent from such deals has been stressed particularly by the court. The reply from Bend and the forest people is that there is no legal requirement for such payment in a non-cash transaction...

This column does not intend to argue this point, because it appears there is at present no law which requires the 25 per cent payment in a land exchange deal.

Likewise, there is evidently no clear-cut requirement that the permission of the county courts be obtained in such transactions.

Some army officials have been saying the armed services have unbelievable quantities of food in storage, but an officer of the quartermaster general's office told a victory garden club in New York last week that all the surplus of the army would not keep the whole country going for a week.

This suggests rather plainly no one even yet knows how much food we have (the army does not let the navy know and vice versa, and both consider such information validly enough as military secrets).

Therefore, I would say to the housewife the spare food evidence, behind the noise and confusion being dinned into her ears, shows the government merely took a long chance for election purposes and escaped better than it could have, due to the great crops, and large accumulated supplies, but must ration food more strictly at this time.

river valley authority, former U. S. Senator C. C. Dill said at a Jackson day dinner here Saturday.

He warned that the possible establishment of a Missouri valley authority would give the 17 states of the Missouri river valley a marked advantage over the

this conclusion, since it deprives the county of a large part of the revenue which would normally accrue from such timbered lands. However, the conclusion was reached only after careful study of state and federal laws, which convinced us that there was no possibility of enforcing payment of any tax assessed against timber cut and removed from the lands prior to July 1 of any year.

Acres Figures

THERE have been some conflicting figures on acres in this discussion. We were informed, from a good source, that the Klamath acreage involved in this particular transaction was 16,000, whereas it is 8436.47. However, as we have said, another 13,334 of Shevlin-Hixon land will soon be offered on a similar basis.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—No point values have been placed on government excuses for restoring point values on basic foods, and a widely assorted choice of excuses is available—some with no point to them and little value behind them.

Last spring when OPA removed food rationing restrictions, I reported to you the stocks of food supplies available did not warrant the removal, that it was done for election purposes, and was dangerous even if we had bumper 1944 crops, and restrictions would have to be restored immediately after election in any event.

Now the government is concocting minor truths to cover the political motive behind its "mistake" last spring (it is officially called a mistake now), and furnishing sound reasons for its latest step which was inevitable anyhow.

They are publicity excuses and pointless because the main one would have required this return to rationing anyway, and actually the administration fared better from unexpected circumstances than they had reason to expect because the 1944 crop was better than it anticipated last spring at planting time.

Another excuse is that too many points had accumulated in the hands of the people for the amount of food now available. People just would not spend 80 points for pineapple juice and 40 or 50 for a bottle of ketchup.

These unspent points in reserve had to be killed or the new rationing restrictions would not have been effective. So this excuse is true also, though secondary to the main inevitable considerations.

There is a story going around that the left wingers in OPA put this new order over on the alert, clear-eyed Mr. Bowles. There are left wingers in OPA and they do want always to crack down on everyone, and rub the public nose in the dirt. That is their established way of doing things (which I will handle in a later column).

But not much is put over on Mr. Bowles, except by Mrs. Roosevelt, who was unprecedentedly quoted as saying his speeches were "dull" (a criticism, the gratuitousness of which, suggested Mr. Bowles is being sheered to play goat for the "mistake" of easing rationing and thus having aided re-election of Mr. Roosevelt.)

At any rate, if you accept OPA figures on food, which have been announced in very limited quantities, you must accept the soundness of restored rationing.

Of course there are no other figures, and government officials have taken so many conflicting positions and changed them so often, that on the face of the public record, you would appear justified in reaching the conclusion that either they did not know what they were doing or had something deep or disastrous behind all this.

Disagree On Supply

THE war food administration, for example, just before election, announced ample supplies of food available, and it should know if anyone does. However, a few days later the chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, Mr. Tolley, who also should know, said the opposite.

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SIDE GLANCES



"Hurry up, let's get in line. I don't know what they're buying, but let's find out before it's all gone!"

Market Quotations

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—Buyers returned to the stock market today and bid up rails, gold mines and specialties fractions to two points.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP-WPA)—Potatoes arrivals 33 on track 10, total U. S. shipments 1,500,000 bushels Saturday.

LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP-WPA)—Saleable to 10 cents higher; market active, steady.

WHEAT

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Grain markets rallied after midseason easiness today and shortly before a low wheat, corn, oats and rye were up a cent or more.

Courthouse Records

HICKS-HENDERSON Eugene Richard Hicks, 32, box factory foreman, native of Oklahoma, resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Lois Gertrude Henderson, 20, housewife, native of Balakrishna, California, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

OBITUARY

GARY LEROY FERRARI Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrari of Klamath Falls, passed away in this city Saturday, January 4, 1944, at 2:30 p. m.

FUNERALS

LEONARD PAUL BERKLAND, III Funeral services for Leonard Paul Berkland, III, who passed away in this city December 31, 1943, will be held at the graveside in Linvilleville, Oregon, Monday, January 9, 1944, at 10 a. m.

Davis to Manage Lorenz Company

George P. Davis, long vice president of Lorenz company, now has the title of vice president and general manager of the wholesale hardware firm here.

War Chests Raise Over \$2 Million

SALEM, Jan. 8 (AP)—The 36 county war chests in Oregon have raised \$2,607,296 since the campaign opened October 5, 1943.

Convict At Large After Farm Escape

SALEM, Jan. 8 (AP)—Charles L. Morrow, 27, state prison convict who left the prison farm Saturday evening, was still at large today.

Snell Urges Low, Equitable Taxes in Message to Lawmakers

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr. SALEM, Jan. 8 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell, declaring that taxes are lower in Oregon than in her neighboring states, told the 43rd legislature today that "We want the lowest possible taxes," with the "fairest and most equitable distribution of the tax burden."

Young Escapée Dies From Shot

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—As a result of the death of Clarence Harlan, 17, only his companion in an Emmett, Ida, jailbreak will go to trial on charges of assault with intent to kill for the gun-battle in which they were captured.

Telling The Editor

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EDUCATION ISSUE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Taking up the question of Education and Free Schooling. More and better schooling for all members of society is a major need.

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In the last "Letter to the Editor" which I sent in, I condemned you (headed it criticized but I certainly meant to condemn) existing political parties for lack of principle.

The technical base of change underlying modern industry causes an immense shift of workers from occupation to occupation; from industry to industry; from jobs under certain conditions to those under very different conditions.

Industry now needs, because of the great and rapid change, workers who are qualified to handle many jobs and who grasp the picture of the job as a whole and coordinate his work with the others, with the machinery, etc.

Therefore, I say that the emphasis needs to be on better schooling! Schools coming under political control parties play a part in this. Better education, demanded by society itself, cannot be accomplished, but the direct effort to improve schools and governmental administration.

This may aid you to understand, somewhat, why the International Woodworkers of America Local 6-12, CIO, takes education as the central long term political object. You may also understand why those who would settle free schooling and education do not like the CIO's PAC's activities generally over the nation somewhat better.

Thank you. O. O. WOMACK, President International Woodworkers of America Local 6-12, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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