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## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

**H**EARINGS held by the WLB here in the past few days indicate the difficult situation which confronts employers in these times. There have been crack-downs on employers here for failing to pay enough for help; now there are crack-downs for paying too much.

In a number of cases already settled, involving wages paid for potato sorting, stipulations were made and the employers penalized by disallowances for income tax purposes. In the cases heard last week-end, the employers asked for hearings, and a three-man panel—with public, labor and industry represented—came here to hear the evidence.

Where there are extenuating circumstances, such as contractual relations with a labor organization for the higher wages, or some other situation that lessens the blame, the WLB hearing procedure may result in reducing or eliminating the penalties. Employers who have acted in good faith have a right to seek such relief.

An important lesson in the situation is that any employer forced by circumstances to raise wages, or establishing a wage scale, should make certain that the proper steps are taken first through WLB in an effort to get official clearance.

This phase of the national anti-inflation policy, worthy as it is in purpose, involves many serious problems for both employers and employees.

### Spud Advertising

**T**HERE is such demand in these times for potatoes down to the last knotty little cub that no one thinks much about advertising and publicity for our product.

In Idaho, where they grow potatoes that are no better and maybe not so good, the potato advertising program is going right along under a tax set-up for that purpose.

Ned Harlan, manager of the Boise chamber of commerce, has sent us a few samples of advertising postcards which are distributed free among men of the armed forces. They feature cartoons, illustrating the tremendous powers and popularity of Idaho russets. Idaho will probably get post-war benefits out of this wartime advertising.

Are we smart in ignoring Klamath potato publicity at this time? It might be a good time, at least, to build up an advertising nest-egg for later use.

John Linman, whose death occurred here late last week, was loved and respected by all who knew him. Mr. Linman lived in the Klamath country 35 years, and was identified with Upper Klamath lake transportation in the days when that was a major phase of local business and industrial activity. This column joins many others in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

## News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

**W**ASHINGTON, March 26—John R. Steelman, the government's labor mediator throughout the New Deal and before, quit his post some months back, and is now announcing that he will be a private labor consultant, de-

## 4-H CLUB ADVISORY COUNCIL ORGANIZED

**L**AKEVIEW (Special)—A 4-H club advisory council was organized on Friday evening, March 16, when a group of service club representatives and businessmen and women met at Hotel Lakeview as dinner guests of the Lake County 4-H Leaders association.

The purpose of this newly formed council is to coordinate the efforts of local businessmen in furthering the 4-H club program throughout Lake county; to work with the Leaders association on its year's program and to advise and aid on problems that arise from time to time. There are only two other such councils in the state, one at Portland and one at Grants Pass.

Lloyd Baron, emergency assistant for Josephine county and Don McGregor, president of the Josephine County 4-H club advisory council and newly-elected president of the Josephine chamber of commerce, were both present and told of the organization of their council, its functions, and how the number of young people enrolled in 4-H projects has increased in that county, since the council's inception.

Harold Talley, Lake county 4-H club agent, said that though the Lakeview Rotary club is doing a wonderful job with the annual 4-H and FFA auction, which has been an excellent incentive for boys and girls carrying the livestock and poultry projects, it is conceded that year-round cooperation and assist-

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voting himself especially to the subject of "real wages"—in short the purchasing power of the dollar you earn, its real value in bread and butter, and not just the number of dollars paid. More and more people are getting interested in this overlooked subject.

It seems to me Mr. Steelman is practically saying that after many years of fixing wage rates as a national arbiter—and he fixed more of them than any living person—he has become convinced that the actual rate does not mean as much as its economic value.

A friend of mine has produced some striking evidence on this avoided matter. Paying out his money for food at his A & P store in New York city, he was struck with wonder about how much the same food cost when Mr. Roosevelt first came into office with the New Deal.

### Dollar Deflated Under FDR

**H**E went back into newspaper files and photostated the advertisements of the A & P markets for March 2, 20, 27 and 30, 1933, around the time Mr. R first took the oath of office, and compared the prices with the very same quality in the very same A & P markets this past March 15. He found out exactly how much his food dollar had been deflated.

Butter had more than doubled in price, from 21 cents to 48 cents a pound. Frying chickens were up from 21 cents to 47 cents a pound; sliced bacon from 19 cents to 41 cents.

Potatoes had more than tripled from 13 pounds for 19 cents to 5 pounds for 24 cents. Quaker oats cost 12 cents instead of 5 cents (20 ounces in each case.) Canned salmon was up from 9 cents to 22 cents for a tall pink can, from 15 cents to 39 cents for red.

Rye bread cost 11 cents instead of 5 cents (a sale price.) Evaporated milk likewise had doubled from two cans for 9 cents to a single can for the same price.

Roast loin of pork had more than tripled from 10 cents to 33 cents a pound. Sirloin steak sold—or rather was priced—at 40 cents, up 11; porterhouse at 47 cents, up 14; top round 40 cents, up 13; chuck at 27 cents, up 10; lamb chops 55 cents, up 26; boneless chuck pot roast 35 cents, up 18.

### Cigarettes Only 10c

**C**IGARETTES incidentally sold at 10 cents a pack in those bad old days, \$1 for a carton which now costs \$1.44 (on the price list anyway.)

My friend's grocery bill has consequently just about doubled in the Roosevelt administration, government statistics to the contrary notwithstanding. I do not believe my friend's salary has increased; it may have gone down some, at least his income after taxes has dropped a great deal.

Most people have been more fortunate. Their incomes may have increased 10, 20 or even 50 per cent, but there are very few people in the country whose income has kept up with a 100 per cent price increase.

The official figures show average weekly earnings for New York state had risen from \$24.35 to \$42.01 from 1932 to 1944, but this includes, I believe, only factory workers.

At any rate I have good reasons to doubt such economic statistics, which can be pushed any way the economists desire by including some factors and excluding others.

### Cost of Food Doubled

**F**OR example the official government figures on food claims a price increase of only 44 per cent between 1932 and 1945 and we have seen by my friend's proof that this simply is not true, but that the cost of food has just about doubled.

What profiteth a New Deal which increases wages even 50 per cent and prices 100 per cent? What profiteth even a union factory worker whose increases in wages can never keep up with the rising price era we have been in and which is to continue (the administration promises) for the post-war period?

But he is the most favored of all, while the average man of the country in the office, store, school, even government itself must get along on what is relatively his old established salary. It has long seemed to me that Mr. Roosevelt's figurers had better drop their pencils and their political statizing and go into the A & P for a better judge of what has happened. If they did government policy might soon be re-adjusted for the greater good of the greater number of people.

## PORTLAND SHIPYARD PROGRAM STOPPED

**W**ASHINGTON March 26 (AP)—The maritime commission said it probably would cancel a \$1,100,000 authorization for on the job training facilities for the three Kaiser shipyards in the Portland, Ore., area.

The commission recently authorized the project on the recommendation of several other government agencies, including the war production board and the war manpower commission.

Today, the commission said the decision is being reconsidered and "in all probability" will be cancelled. The explanation for the reconsideration was that the emergency shipbuilding program will be substantially completed by the end of this year, and that it is not felt the expenditure would be justified.

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## SIDE GLANCES



"Twelve years old and I can't go to a boy-girl party! I'm glad they are fighting this war to free the world of tyrants!"

## GOOSE LAKE VALLEY PROJECT ASSURED

**L**AKEVIEW (Special)—The Goose Lake valley survey for preparing plans and estimates of cost of storage of water on tributaries of Goose Lake valley is practically an assured postwar project for Lake county, after the passage of House Bill No. 454 last week. The bill provides a \$5000 appropriation which will be matched in equal amount by Lake county.

This bill also authorizes the state engineer to enter into a cooperative agreement with the U. S. government relating to these investigations and estimates, if and when the government makes available therefor an amount of money equal to that jointly made available by the county and state.

If the surveys and estimates show the need and practicality of water storage facilities on the tributaries of Goose lake, it will be of great benefit to the valley; inasmuch as under existing conditions there is a big runoff early in the spring when the water and moisture are not needed as badly as later in the year, and this water could be stored for irrigation purpose.

Also by controlling the flooded waters of the streams supplying the valley and lake, more marginal land around the lake could be reclaimed and put to pasture.

## Medford Resident Passes Away

**C**hester Allen Arthurs, 62, employed for the past seven years as tractor operator with the Great Northern railway, died Friday in Medford where he has been for the past year in the hope of benefiting his health. Prior to his affliction with the Great Northern, Mr. Arthurs worked for various contractors in this area.

Mr. Arthurs was a native of Walsburg, Wash., born in January, 1883. He is survived by his wife, Malda, 30 Kenwood avenue, Medford, and a step-son, Vernon DuBois, now in the service. Final rites were held at 1 p. m. Monday from the Conger Funeral Home in Medford. Among those attending services were A. C. Manduchl, H. R. Huddart, H. H. Kerfoot and Frank X. Sexton.

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Wednesday, March 28—"Pilate's Quest"  
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Friday, March 30—"Whence Art Thou?"

**Easter Sunday—"Life Everlasting"**  
Dr. D. J. Ferguson, Pastor  
**Merrill Presbyterian Church**  
Merrill, Ore.

## THREE SURVIVORS OF CRASH RESCUED

**By OLEN CLEMENTS**  
**COLD BAY, Alaska, March 23 (Delayed AP)**—Three injured survivors of a troop transport C-47 that crashed near Cathedral valley 20 miles from here March 18, were flown here today by Alaskan Bush Pilot Eric Schutt in a ski plane that landed near the scene of the wreck. Three other men aboard the plane were killed. They were Lt. Col. Stephen G. Davison, Berkeley, Calif., attached to headquarters of the 11th air force; 2nd Lt. Ernest T. Johnson, Dunkirk, N. Y., both passengers, and Radio Operator Sgt. Robert E. Davidson, Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y., of the plane's crew.

Those rescued—all injured but none critically—were 1st Lt. Joseph R. Alexander, Merchantville, N. J., pilot; 2nd Lt. Richard L. Coconour, Snelling, Calif., co-pilot, and Sgt. Paul Sandermer, Delancey, N. J., the aerial engineer.

The crash occurred in mid-morning as the plane was letting down through the overcast for a landing at Fort Randall. The ship hit part of a precipice and wreckage was strewn over the snow-covered ground.

## Howard Arrives Here on Furlough

**Sgt. Ray Howard**, veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign and others in the South Pacific, arrived here early Saturday morning on an emergency furlough due to the illness of his mother, Mrs. Clay Howard, 2022 Gary. Mrs. Howard is in Hillside hospital.

Sgt. Howard, US marine corps, returned last May from the Pacific. He has been at Jacksonville, Ala., and from here will report to El Centro, Calif., marine base on April 6. Howard was a member of the first division overseas.

## Mistler Awarded Bronze Star

**MIDLAND**—Mr. and Mrs. John Mistler just received word from their son, Lt. John W. Mistler, with the news that he had received the Bronze Star for meritorious action.

Lt. Mistler helped release 470 trapped men of the 16th infantry from the pocket in the Belgium bulge. He had to drive eighty miles in the dark at 10 below zero on strange roads. Only volunteers went on the mission. Lt. Mistler is with the ninth army.

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## Flashes of Life

**BIG DAY**  
**SPOKANE** March 26 (AP)—State Patrolman Warren Greenberg set out after a speeder, a routine chore.

But while he was catching up with the rushing auto, the police flashed its description as a stolen car.

The driver faces charges of speeding, car theft and being AFOL from the army.

**\$10,000 MISTAKE**  
**TULSA, Okla., March 26 (AP)**—Maybe this cigarette shortage is even worse than publicized.

Anyway, thieves who ransacked a drawer in the apartment of Mrs. Marie Tidwell removed a carton of a popular brand of smokes but passed up a \$10,000 necklace which they moved in getting the carton.

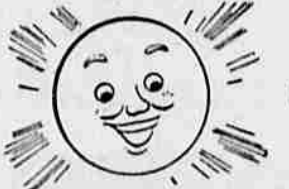
**EARLY START**  
**POLSON, Mont., March 26 (AP)**—Eugene Rue, saying he and his two sisters were engaged in engineering research, recently wrote a California airplane factory requesting plans of the new Douglas jet-propelled warplane.

The company regretted it could not furnish complete plans, but returned a set of colored pictures, hoping that they would be of benefit to the engineers.

Master Eugene, eldest of the researching Rue's, is 10.

**PAYMENT DEFERRED**  
**OMAHA, Neb., March 26 (AP)**—Don B. Westly, manager of a department store, received an unsigned letter containing two \$1 bills. The note read: "The enclosed cash is for a playbill. The clerks were busy."

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



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## PATROLS CLASH ON FIFTH ARMY FRONT

**ROME, March 26 (AP)**—German man patrolling became more aggressive along the fifth army front in Italy today and there was a number of sharp clashes, particularly in the area southwest of Bologna.

An American patrol killed a German soldier in an encounter in the sector. The Germans attempted to ambush another patrol but the Americans discovered the ruse and killed three of the enemy without loss.

The first all-Jewish brigade has been active in patrol along the eighth army front east. It was disarmed by Brig. Gen. Frank Benjamin. Many of the brigade's members previously had been held in concentration camps. Their likely origins cover 37 different countries.

**WASHINGTON**—Racing officials expressed hope that sport can be relaxed before May 1.

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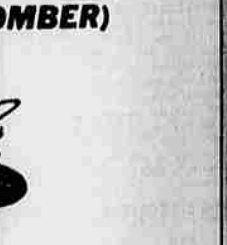
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