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## Today's Roundup

By **MALCOLM EPLEY**

WE haven't tried it, but we have an idea that a Main street survey would find mighty few people who know anything about the special state election set for June 22.

There is little indication of public interest in this vote. There was no spurt of voter registration prior to the date the poll books were closed for this election. In fact, registration is somewhat lower than it was prior to the general election last fall.

Public discussions of the issues in the election thus far have been confined pretty largely to public officials. It's about time for those of us who intend to vote to be informing ourselves and it's time for citizens who haven't given the thing a thought to make a resolution to participate intelligently in this ballot.

There are two state measures slated for the ballot. One would authorize the state to spend \$10 million, already on hand, in a building program for the state institutions. The other would levy a tax on cigarettes to raise \$2 million annually for support of state elementary schools.

### Building Fund Bill

TODAY we will comment on the building program measure. This bill, let it be noted, has the vigorous support of Klamath county's Representative Henry Semon, so good a chairman of ways and means that he got the job this year even though he is a democrat and we have a republican legislature. Mr. Semon knows the state's financial picture and he knows the needs of the institutions for buildings. It is important that we have his word for it that the measure should pass. Brother Semon is no spendthrift.

But the voter needs to know more about the measure than simply that Mr. Semon is for it. The measure provides for a property tax levy to raise the \$10 million in two years, but it is not what it seems. This property tax levy is merely a technicality—the money is on hand in income tax surpluses and if the measure passes, there will be no additional taxation on property.

Under Oregon law, income tax revenues can be used only in lieu of property taxes for state purposes. Thus it is impossible to use the present income tax surpluses without first having a property tax for income surplus to wipe out. Voters June 22 are asked to provide that property tax for building purposes, whereupon \$10 million from income tax surplus can be used and the property levy eliminated.

We admit it's confusing, but that's the story.

### The Need Is There

UNDER the proposed program, \$4 million of the building fund will be used for the schools of higher education, and \$6 million for the state insane hospital, schools for the blind, state training school, and other state institutions.

Oregon's institutions are well behind in their building development. The situation at the state hospital, for instance, has been proved to be most deplorable. The higher educational institutions expect a huge influx of post-war

## Patterson Tells Of Manila Experiences, High Prices

Manila is a long way off by ship, but not so far by air. C. Woodrow Patterson, of the technical staff of General Motors Diesel corporation, who has been attached to the army as a technical adviser and has been in the Pacific for three years, left there by plane on Thursday of last week and arrived in San Francisco on Sunday. He is stopping in Klamath Falls for a brief visit with his father, A. H. Patterson.

Inflation has hit Manila in a rather big way, he says. The night before he left he took a guest to dinner, and the check for the two came to \$95—American money. Steaks are \$15 and chops \$10. Cocktails are \$8 each. He brought the menu back with him, as he says he doubts if he could get his expense account past a home front auditor without tangible evidence.

There is food enough in the Philippines, he says, but badly wrecked transport has made it difficult to get in the cities. He adds that the Japs didn't bother the rural Philippines much, concentrating their efforts on the cities and towns. They were careful not to interfere with food production. The cities and towns were pretty generally looted, and the loot was sent back to Japan. Most of it, instead of being stolen outright, was "paid" for in the worthless invasion currency issued by the Japs.

Liquor now being served in Manila was buried when the Japs came and is being dug up and sold at prices that are liberal to say the least. Moonshine stills are beginning to spring up and their raw product is sold at

the standard price of \$5 for a beer bottle full.

One experience he remembers is a group of Filipino girls serving corn on the cob to GI outfits as they passed. There was a big field of it, and the girls worked in crews. One crew gathered and cleaned the corn and another cooked it in huge kettles over steaming fires and served the ears steaming hot, keeping it up until the field was completely stripped. They refused all payment.

The war in the Pacific, he points out, is on a vast scale. His duties required making a trip around the front from time to time, and the air distance was 3500 miles. This included only the present active fronts. When the Gilberts and the Marshalls, where they are still fighting, were included, the distance stretched to 5000 miles. He doesn't look for an early end to the war, pointing out the extreme length of our communications as compared with the shortness of the Japs'.

### Courthouse Records

**Complaints Filed**  
Benjamin Lane vs. Hazel Lane. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff asks possession of real property. Couple married December 26, 1944, at Klamath Falls, Ore.  
Fred G. Small attorney for plaintiff.  
Wallace Marshall Wolcott vs. Edwin Ruth Wolcott. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff asks custody of two minor children. Couple married January 16, 1937, at Medford, Ore. U. S. Salentine attorney for plaintiff.  
Delphine Reed vs. Jeff Raymond Reed. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff's maiden name of Delphine Siverson he restored. Couple married June 2, 1942, at Las Vegas, Nev. U. S. Salentine attorney for plaintiff.

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undergraduates, the expectation being based on what happened after the last war and the legislation already passed to encourage veterans to go in for education when they get out of the services.

We favor the measure.

### Briefs From The Pocket File

JUST one sour note entered an informal discussion of Klamath's relationships with military installations at a luncheon at the Marine Barracks this week when Admiral Griffin, 13th naval district commander . . . You've probably guessed it already—it was high rents that spoiled the otherwise pretty picture . . . Visiting navy officials couldn't and didn't blame the community for the housing shortage . . . But they had heard that rents were pretty bad . . . Our only answer could be that an honest effort had been made locally to control rents, and when it failed, OPA was invited in . . . Andrew Loney, Klamath's outstanding school music director, is worried about uniforms for his high school band . . . The old red and white ones are in pretty bad shape . . . New ones can be bought, and Andy is willing, if necessary, to put up some of the precious music fund as part payment if some one else will help out with the rest . . . Or, better yet, maybe some public-spirited individual or group would do the whole job . . . We'll supply figures on request.

### The War Today

By **J. M. ROBERTS JR.**  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

JAPANESE reports of an allied landing near Brunei, Borneo, probably are correct and indicate another step in General MacArthur's consolidation of his position for the ultimate drive against Japan.

Experts estimate that if we could recapture Borneo's oil fields, and find them quickly usable, it would be tantamount to a two-thirds increase in our tanker fleet in the Pacific—for Borneo would give our naval vessels a source of oil thousands of miles nearer their scene of operations than at present.

### Speed Important

THE Brunei area in North Borneo, like the island of Tarakan already invaded by the Australians, is one of these rich fields. The Japanese report only one allied division in action so far. Yet it is so important that the Brunei installations be secured quickly that unless the Japs have pulled out completely this is likely to develop into a major operation. In fact, it is the type of job which MacArthur likes to supervise personally when not too involved in the over-all business of his theater. For it seems likely that the extent of damage done by the Japanese at Brunei and Tarakan might determine whether a campaign is worthwhile in the great Balikpapan fields, far down the East Borneo coast. Balikpapan is directly across from Japanese-held Celebes, which might involve an important neutralization operation.

There would seem to be little reason for any of these campaigns unless there are good indications their resources can be converted to our use in time for the Japanese invasion. The same applies to Java. Cut off and largely impotent, Japanese forces in these areas hardly seem to constitute a sufficient menace to our rear to warrant major action.

### Quickening Likely

MEANWHILE, other consolidation efforts go forward. American forces on Luzon have struck into the Cagayan valley, good fighting terrain which leads all the way to Aparri on the island's northern shore, and this campaign should take on a quickened tempo. The Japanese still hold something like 20,000 square miles here which is vitally needed for air bases nearer Formosa and the Japan-China supply lines. Once secured, even our fighter planes will be within range of everything from Hainan island to Okinawa and as much as 300 to 400 miles inland in China. Shuttle flights might be possible.

Under the circumstances, a special meeting of the Japanese diet is not out of place. And the words of "regret" which Premier Suzuki utters over the war with the United States are probably the most sincere he ever spoke.

## FORMER CATHOLIC PASTOR HERE DIES

A solemn requiem high mass will be held Tuesday morning, June 12, at 10 o'clock at the Blessed Sacrament church in Ontario for the Very Rev. A. F. Loeser of the Ontario church and also St. Patrick's church in Vale since 1936, who died Monday at the Ontario Holy Rosary hospital after an illness of two years.

Rev. Loeser was pastor of the Sacred Heart church in Klamath Falls for six years, coming here in 1924 from Baker. He was pastor in charge when the new Sacred Heart church and rectory were built in 1929. He left here in 1930 for Burns where he remained until 1936, when he became pastor of the Ontario church.

Father Loeser was born November 21, 1890, at Louisville, Ky. He received his education at Pontifical Josephinum college, Worthington, O., and was ordained in 1915, coming directly to Baker and later to Klamath Falls.

**BIG CROP SEEN**  
MEDFORD, June 9 (AP)—Bartlett pear growers estimated today the 1945 Rogue River valley crop will be 2 to 10 per cent larger than last year's.

When in Medford Stay at **HOTEL HOLLAND** Thoroughly Modern Joe and Anne Earley Proprietors

## SIDE GLANCES



"I was going to be married last week, but then I happened to run across this nice bachelor apartment!"

### EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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in Berlin that he THINKS Hitler is hiding somewhere in Europe—diaries in Spain. Maybe we've been found, but the captured diaries of Nazi higher-ups the Russians have learned that two days before Berlin fell Hitler married Eva Braun, German movie actress. He says they probably waited until the last moment and then took off in a plane that had been held in constant readiness on a Nazi airfield reserved for him.

He says that corpses that might have been Hitler's have been found, but he doubts their authenticity. One reason for his doubts, he says, is the finding of SEVERAL bodies whose clothing was plainly laundry-marked ADOLF HITLER.

He can't understand why so many Germans should have been wearing Hitler's clothes and thinks it looks like a plant.

**IF** Zhukov seriously doubts Hitler's death, he has a lot of company. Maybe we've read too many murder mysteries, but the whole story of his finish has certainly looked from the beginning like a phony.

**LAVAL**, incidentally, is said to be in a fortress castle near Barcelona (Spain), completing his memoirs, preparing his defense (if taken back to France and tried for treason) and writing a book on his life and times. There is another tale to the effect that a French plane is to take him back to Paris tonight or tomorrow.

What a mine of material the writers of thrillers are going to find in the wind-up of this war!

**THERE** is another sign of hope in the European sky today. Tito, who has been talking tough about Trieste for the Yugoslavs OR ELSE, agrees to withdraw all but a token force of his men from the peace conference to dispose of Trieste instead of handling the situation himself right now by "unilateral" action.

**HOPE** for the future lies in the rather natural assumption that STALIN may have put a bug in Tito's ear. In all the disputes so far, Tito has obviously followed the Moscow line.

### Trial Slated For Shipyard Worker

**PORTLAND, June 9 (AP)**—Trial will begin here Monday for Obara Justice, 29, shipyard worker charged with the first degree murder of his landlady's teen-age daughter.

Justice, accused of slaying the throat of Rose Sloan, told police he cut her in self defense when they argued after he had asked to marry her. The girl's partly disrobed body, slashed about 30 times with a large kitchen knife, was found Feb. 24 in her mother's apartment.

First degree murder charge was filed by District Attorney Thomas B. Handley.

**APPOINTED**  
**TULELAKE**—Alice Micka, Tulelake accountant has been appointed city treasurer, the appointment to become effective June 6. She succeeds Harold Schilling, member of the Tulelake high school staff who has left for Courtland, Calif., where he will teach next year.

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## BURGLARIES REPORTED TO CITY POLICE

Police have been notified that the Shopping Guide building, 1205 Klamath, was entered and the cash box, containing \$65 was stolen Thursday night.

There was evidence of a window having been broken, with a board or rock, pieces of glass removed from the frame, and the door unlocked from the inside. Although there were several articles of value in both desk drawers, apparently nothing had been touched except the cash box which had been deftly removed from the drawer of the cash register.

Similarity of several other recent burglaries, attempted unlawful entries of buildings, and damage reported to unoccupied property, seems to tie in, and point to the same individual or group, police state.

Clarence A. Humble reported the old USO building on Main had been entered last night. Nothing apparently was missing, but there was evidence of someone having spent some time there, overturning boxes and scattering articles about.

The Polly Ann bakery, 110 N. 8th was robbed of \$31 in silver. E. Hotchkiss reported to police. No signs of forced entry were evident; all exists were secure with the exception of one window about 12 feet from the ground, and \$100 in the cash drawer was untouched.

The lock on Max Hamburger stand was reported having been tampered with, and several articles have been reported stolen from parked cars.

Several articles, including a toaster, four serving trays and a radio were reported stolen sometime between Sunday and Friday, from the home of Mrs. Ray Lish, 2355 Montellus.

L. C. Martin, notified police his suitcase had been stolen from the Hart hotel where he resides. It contained all his cook's clothes and two cook's knives.

Lonnie Sehorn, reported the tool box containing \$35 worth of tools, lost from his truck Thursday has been recovered.

Three drunks appeared in court Saturday morning, one drunk and disorderly case, one disorderly, one vagrancy, and one case of reckless driving.

Robert H. Mann, 1938 Erie, reported an accident to his car in turning the corner on Spring and Wall streets at 4:15 p. m. Friday. No other driver was involved.

Jim V. James, 68 Pine, reported \$50 damage to his car when he was involved in an accident with Ervin Kramer, 525 N. 2nd, on Klamath Thursday evening.

### Local Woman Attends Business School Meet

The Multnomah hotel in Portland was the scene of the yearly meeting of the State Association of Business schools on June 2. Luncheon at noon was followed by a round table discussion, with Professor William G. Griffith of Reed College as the main speaker, choosing the topic of the merit system.

Mrs. Irene Kroenert of Klamath Falls attended the meeting. She is a member of the State Association of Business Schools.

To be without insurance is the most reckless kind of gambling. Hans Norland Insurance, 118 North 7th Street.

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## City Briefs

**Shaw To Return**—Mrs. Robert D. Shaw has received a telephone call from her husband, Maj. Shaw in Bangor, Maine. He flew home from England, after three years of overseas duty, broken by a furlough home at Christmas time. Maj. Shaw is being transferred to Fort Lewis, and is expected to arrive there next week. Mrs. Shaw plans to meet him in Washington.

**Winter Leads State**—Paul Winter, New York Life Insurance company agent here, lead the entire state in the volume of written business for his company in April. He also led in number of cases, and volume of insurance paid. Winter has nearly \$200,000 in insurance to his credit this year already.

**From Los Angeles**—Mrs. W. A. Brock and Sally Zinzki of Los Angeles are visiting Mrs. Brock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hunziker, 2709 Derby. Mrs. Brock is the former Faith Hunziker of Klamath Falls.

**Attends Conference**—Fred Peterson, county school superintendent here, returned yesterday from Salem where he attended the annual conference of county school superintendents.

**At Salem**—State Representative Henry Semon was in Salem Friday on state business.

**WEATHER**  
Friday, June 9, 1945

Place	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Eugene	76	60	Trace
Klamath Falls	70	50	0.01
Sacramento	80	61	0.00
North Bend	63	44	0.00
Portland	71	53	0.00
Heno	75	59	Trace
San Francisco	62	33	0.00
Seattle	71	52	0.00
Medford	78	58	0.00
Red Bluff	84	50	0.00

Northern California—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Sunday with some brief light rain in extreme northern portion today becoming scattered showers on Sunday. Cooler in northern valleys.

Washington and Oregon—Light showers today and tonight. Partly cloudy with a few widely scattered showers Sunday. Little temperature change.

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9:45 A. M.—Sunday School Classes for All Ages  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by Pastor, "Blockades on the Way to Hell"  
6:45 P. M.—Training Union for All Groups  
8:00 P. M.—Song Service by Youth Choir, by Pastor, "Behold the Man"

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