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## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

**K**LAMATH basin people need to develop a more definite understanding with the reclamation service as regards the extension of irrigated agriculture in this area.

While we have all indulged in a great deal of talk about the possibilities of bringing huge areas of land into irrigation, and it is true the potentialities are great, we must face the fact that the immediate postwar projects of the reclamation service include only a relatively small development on the Klamath project and a lot of big jobs elsewhere.

It takes a long time to get these plans into the actual work stage. There are surveys to be made, and many problems to be worked out. It is time to get started.



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## Meeting Proposed

**W**E think high officials of the reclamation bureau should be asked here for a conference with the civic and agricultural leadership of the basin, a meeting at which local aspirations can be presented and some definite program worked out. We should not depend on catching reclamation officials on hurried trips through here, or on mail communications.

The Klamath basin agricultural community is blessed with a great deal of individual enterprise. We do not believe that anywhere are there farmers with more vision and practical ability to make the most of resources available. The tremendous agricultural strides that have been made here in the last two decades testify to that.

But irrigated agriculture extension requires collective effort and cooperation of the government service in developing water use. We have important dealings with the reclamation bureau if we are to go ahead along the lines talked about so much since the recent diversion squabble directed attention to the need for full use of water resources.

We should get the reclamation bureau officials here and talk turkey with them.

## Ceremony

**A**LITTLE ceremony was held here last night over a box of candy.

The sweets were mailed last October by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamaker to Staff Sergeant Haarbey Bechen of this city, who was then in Europe.

They were intended for Bechen's Christmas, but they didn't get to him. Subsequently, he went to a German prison camp, and the candy came back. The Hamakers saved it. Yesterday Sgt. Bechen, home on furlough, visited them at their home here and the box was opened.

The candy was a bit dry and rancid, but Sgt. Bechen remarked that in the German prison camp, where he virtually starved for two months, it would have been terrific.

## News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

**W**ASHINGTON, July 17—No secret meetings with the military were held by the Woodrum house committee which urged what it called "a broad policy of universal military training."

No special information concerning difficulties ahead of this nation was privately passed to the committee by the war department which has

been promoting the youth draft. Specifically, no inside scare over Russia inspired the committee.

## Woodrum Mystery

**C**ONSEQUENTLY, considerable perplexity has developed as to how and why it went contrary to the weight of evidence in its own hearings.

It seemed to vote 16 to 0 in favor of a program which none of its hearing witnesses endorsed, except the army, navy, state departments and the U. S. chamber of commerce, against the popular opposition of national educational groups, both major national labor organizations, two of the three national farm organizations, as well as the usual peace societies, and women's groups.

To make the mystery more possible, one member of the committee says he has received only two letters from his district in favor of the youth draft, while he has a bushel of mail against it.

When congressmen go 16 to 0 (the remaining six members abstained or wanted to delay action but did not vote against the report directly) in favor of something opposed by their constituents and the most powerful lobbies in Washington—labor, farmer, education, women—a miracle is wrought.

## Favors All

**T**HIS one seems to come within the realm of magic—political magic. It should have been entitled "How to Be a Politician in One Easy Lesson." Caught between the army and the lobbies, the committee favored both opposite courses—in moderation, of course.

Committee Chairman Woodrum tossed all the hot potato evidence he had amassed, into the air, then caught and came forward with some conglomeration which steamed in the headlines.

Actually it is cold potato salad. His pride in it did not leap even to ordinary bounds as he did not even have it printed in the congressional record which prints all congressional thoughts for the asking.

Upon close inspection you will find the report did not endorse the war department program but was worded to sound as if it did, by approving "the principle" and "the broad policy" yet undefined.

Among members of the Woodrum committee is Representative James W. Wadsworth, of New York, who is supposed to have seen to the wording. He wants to draft all youth of 18 or thereabouts for a year in the army.

Talking around with the committeemen, you will find many favor a democratic substitute advocated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for training boys in schools, without interrupting their education, expanding the national guard and reserves systems, and summer camps. The report did not oppose this, excepting it seemed to want the youths drafted for it.

## VFW Program

**T**HE Veterans of Foreign Wars program, following the lines outlined in this column since last September, now rates the best chance of adoption by congress in the end—without a draft—but only after more magic and semantics. Next will come a report from the house military affairs committee and this may recommend drafting, as the military totalitarians are in the majority there also.

But on the floor of the senate and house today, a majority for a youth draft would be hard to find. Compulsion for home and school training without a national draft is the obvious compromise.

The army has never come forward with a specific outline of what it intended to do with the young men if it gets control of them for a year (no one mentions the young women any more and I assume they have been dropped from the army training program.)

But retired officers who are going around the country whipping up sentiment in American Legion posts advocate something like this: Nine weeks' basic training (bunk-making, setting-up exercises, etc.); nine weeks of specialists training in various of the 4000 specialist categories in the army; 13 weeks of small units training, working in squads, companies and battalions; 13 weeks of combat training and the final eight weeks in maneuvers.

There would be no refresher courses. Even so, the program still calls for a regular army and navy and a national guard considerably larger than pre-war.

## Tulelake Captain To Stay With Unit

**TULELAKE**—Capt. Don Reiben, wounded in action in Austria on April 30 while serving with the 44th division, U. S. army, is not returning to the United States with his unit, according to word received by his wife here.

Capt. Reiben suffered a skull fracture when the building in which he and others were located was bombed. He is at present stationed at Rheims, France. During his service in Europe, he was awarded both the Silver and Bronze Stars for heroic assistance to wounded while under fire.

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## SIDE GLANCES



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

From the Klamath Republican

July 13, 1905  
A. H. Nafziger has obtained a franchise to build a street railway in Klamath Falls.

Get a bum cigar? Not at the City Drug store.

Mrs. C. A. Sherlock of Lakeview spent a few days here visiting friends.

Wise, Orem and Maxwell have started a new sawmill near Keno.

From the Klamath Herald  
July 17, 1935  
A grass fire has covered between 2000 and 3000 acres near Bonanza.

Fishing conditions are good in Lake county.

**6-MONTHS SPAN SEES 195 PERMITS**

Between January 1 and June 30 this year, 195 building permits involving work valued at \$208,325.50 were approved by Klamath Falls city council, according to reports of A. W. Downs, city building inspector. The greatest monthly number of permits during the past six months were approved in May when 41 were issued, January construction topped all other months, amounting to \$54,745 value.

Types of construction, number of permits and total estimated value for each month are as follows: January, 18 permits, value \$54,745; five business buildings remodeled; 11 residential buildings remodeled and repaired; 1 new residence; 1 new church.

February, 34 permits, value \$24,825; 8 business buildings remodeled and repaired; 25 residences remodeled and repaired; 1 new residence. March, 26 permits, value \$25,938; 1 new business building remodeled; 4 new non-residential buildings, 2 remodeled (SO and Teen-age); 16 residences remodeled.

April, 36 permits, value \$29,326.50; 1 new business building, 13 remodeled; 2 new residence garages; 15 residences remodeled; 1 temporary construction office; 4 poster panels. May, 41 permits, value \$41,760.50; 1 new business building, 13 remodeled; 3 new residences, 19 remodeled; 1 residence garage and 1 woodshed; 3 poster panels.

June, 40 permits, value \$31,671.50; 1 new business building, 14 remodeled; 2 new residences, 21 remodeled; 2 residence garages.

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## MARINE VISITS HOME TOWN ON RECRUIT TOUR

"By now Klamath Falls should be fully marine-conscious," said Sgt. Swan B. Swanson, recruiting officer for the marine corps, who visited his home town on recruiting duty.

Sgt. Swanson is a former carrier for The Herald and News, and a graduate of KUHS. He is stationed at the marine corps recruiting and induction station, Portland, and is at present on a recruiting tour of southern Oregon.

Enlisting in the U. S. marine corps in 1942 at the Klamath Falls station, the sergeant has been in active combat at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian. Many of his overseas buddies stationed at the Barracks during the past eight months have told him of the welcome which is typically Klamath Falls.

Seventeen-year-olds may now enlist in the U. S. marine corps for four years, or in the marine corps for the duration of emergency and, or war.

"Watching civilians become marines in seven weeks is one way to feel absolutely certain that Americans can outfight anything on earth," Sgt. Swanson said. "This war is still on and will continue to be until we get sufficient men to wipe out the Japs!"

Young men are needed now to replace veterans with months of service in the Pacific, who have done their share and are entitled to come home. Women between the ages of 20 and 36 who are interested in joining this great fighting outfit are also being accepted now to "wear the green of the woman marine."

Interested applicants may obtain full information by writing to 208 New U. S. Courthouse, Portland 5, Ore.

## Linn County Must Stretch Income

**ALBANY**, July 17 (AP)—The Linn county public welfare department today pondered how to stretch an estimated \$375,000, 1945-46 income to cover a \$450,000 need.

Mrs. Ruth Cotter, administrator, said the county's welfare needs had swollen because of higher living costs, population growth, more old-age beneficiaries, and an increase in neglected or orphaned children. The state welfare department has lent her three workers for an investigation of ways to ease the strain on the county's pocket-book.

## WEATHER

Monday, July 16, 1945	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Eugene	81	48	.00
Klamath Falls	82	52	.00
Sacramento	89	58	.00
North Bend	84	50	.00
Portland	86	56	.00
Reno	94	48	.00
San Francisco	74	31	.00
Seattle	66	53	Trace
Medford	89	54	.00
Red Bluff	103	73	.00

Oregon—Scattered clouds today, tonight and Wednesday with few scattered showers in northeast portion today. Moderate northwest winds off coast. Warmer.

Northern California—Clear today, tonight and Wednesday but fog on coast. Little change in temperature. Moderate northwest wind off coast.

didn't argue, made mental notes and kept his own ideas to himself. The first results of the reorganization now under way may be announced in August.

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## OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



### HOME ON FURLOUGH

Home on a thirty-day furlough is Sgt. Verlon Brummell, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank James, 3952 Bisbee. Brummell has been in the South Pacific and the Philippines for the past 18 months. After entering the service, he took his boot training at San Diego. While attending Klamath Union high school, he worked for Klamath Machine and Locomotive Works and after his graduation in 1943 was employed at Montgomery Ward. When his furlough is over, he will report to El Centro.

### EINARSSON GRADUATES

The United States navy school Music, receiving station, navy yard, Washington, D. C., has announced the graduation of Gerald Einarsson, who is a former resident of Klamath Falls.

### WITH U. S. FORCES IN BELGIUM

Stock records clerks of the army's largest ordnance parts depot in Europe maintain a 40,000-card file system which enables depot troops to fill orders for automotive or tank parts correctly and quickly.

Among the members of the unit is PFC Harold L. Robertson, 535 Lincoln, Klamath Falls.

### CASEY DECORATED

"For exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" to duty, PFC James M. Casey, 120 S. 8th, Klamath Falls, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

A truck driver for the Engineer Section of Lt. Gen. Robert L. Elcheberger's eighth army headquarters, Leyte, P. I., Casey was inducted March 17, 1943. He was formerly a switchman for the Great Northern railroad.

His wife, Mrs. Grace Casey, and daughter, Addie, live at the S. 8th street address.

### WINS COMBAT BADGE

PFC Clifford Engelking, husband of Blanche E. Engelking, 1435 Oregon, and son of Pearl E. Engelking, 317 Pine, Klamath Falls, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for exemplary conduct displayed while in combat against the Japanese on Luzon island in the Philippines.

PFC Engelking came overseas in December 1943 and joined the 43rd "Winged Victory" division in New Zealand. During 32 months overseas, the 43rd has participated in four campaigns: Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, New Guinea, and Luzon.

### GILCHRIST BECOMES ENSIGN

Stewart J. Gilchrist, son of F. W. Gilchrist, of Gilchrist, was graduated from the USNR University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., at the Midshipmen's school on Monday, July 9. He was one of approximately 730 men graduated as ensigns, USNR, after having successfully completing four month's training as midshipmen.

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