

CLEANING PLAN TO BEAUTIFY KLAMATH FALLS

In accordance with the "Cleaner Klamath" program launched recently by the chamber of commerce, all city departments are cooperating in an effort to beautify the city by cleanliness.

E. A. Thomas, city street superintendent, said that his department has been working on street pavement repairs in the residential district, and plans are underway to continue repairs in the business district. The downtown work should get started the latter part of this month, he said.

The city flusher is being used daily to wash downtown streets. Usually the streets are swept every night, Thomas said, and washed once a week. The sweeper is being repaired now.

A. W. Downs, city sanitary inspector, who has been checking undue amounts of garbage in alleys, stench rising from refuse piled behind buildings, stagnant water puddles, says that he has found deplorable conditions in the most unlikely places. Merchants have been advised to clear up rubbish.

The debris not only makes an unsightly appearance, but encourages the breeding of disease germs, Downs said.

George McCollum, owner of the sunken, swampy lot in the 1300 block on Main, has agreed to fill it in, preparatory to future building, to assist in the Cleaner Klamath program.

Steve Rose, chairman of the "C. K." committee, stated that a campaign is under way to make residents "clean" conscious. "Tourists find everything they desire in Oregon in the way of sports and scenery," Rose said, "but we can't expect to impress visitors favorably if our streets are cluttered with rubbish, and our sidewalks overgrown with weeds."

The assistance of the community is required in this civic uplifting, Rose pointed out, and suggested "before and after" pictures of present unsightly spots about town.

Modoc County Churches Picnic

ALTURAS—A picnic, which is expected to be the largest ever to be held in Modoc county, will take place Sunday, August 12, in the Memorial park here.

The membership of every denomination in the county will participate in the event.

Night Club Raid Nets 49 Machines

PORTLAND, Aug. 10 (AP)—Sheriff's deputies visited 13 Portland night clubs unannounced last night, found 49 slot machines, and issued summonses to the club owners.

District Attorney Thomas H. Handley, who planned the raid, said complaints would be issued today against operators. "And," he added, "I will ask the court to order confiscation of the machines."

ACTION IN FRANCE WINS SOLDIER STAR

PFC Roland J. Hicks of Chilquin has received the Bronze Star Medal for action in France.

Parts of the citation are as follows:

"The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to Roland J. Hicks, PFC, for heroic achievement in action on March 2, 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During an attack, PFC Hicks and a comrade were serving as flank security for their company when they observed several of the enemy armed with automatic weapons and rifles. Without hesitation, they crossed approximately 100 yards of partially open, hilly terrain and from a defiladed position called to the hostile troops to surrender. The two men were immediately subjected to an intensive concentration of fire, but, undaunted, they closed with the enemy, killing four and forcing the remainder to withdraw to entrenchments behind a hill. Later, it was discovered that there were 70 enemy troops in the fortifications these two soldiers attacked. PFC Hicks' bold actions were instrumental in preventing hostile flanking, fire, thus securing his company from certain ambush. He entered military service from Chilquin, Ore."

Hood River County Names Cherry Picker

HOOD RIVER, Aug. 10 (AP)—Hood River county thinks it has the state's top cherry picker.

Mrs. Sadie Bennett, county farm labor assistant, who said the picker was so modest that his name is being withheld, told about it. This picker turned in a ton of cherries in two days. That meant \$70 in wages.

About 1500 pickers were on the job in this county, Mrs. Bennett said. They averaged from \$12 to \$25 a day. One family—mother, father and three children—earned \$527 in 10 days.



Weyerhaeuser employees, who stopped at a picket line at the company gate Thursday morning, passed the time away with a lively craps game on the side of the pavement.

SOLDIER RETURNS HOME ON FURLOUGH

PFC Clifton Barrett is home on a 45-day furlough from Longview, Texas, where he has been hospitalized since his return from overseas duty. He served 33 months in New Guinea and Australia.

Clifton is one of 11 brothers, seven of whom are in the armed forces. His brother Eugene is employed at Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, and three minor boys are at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barrett, of Round lake, where they are helping in the war effort by working on the farm.

When his furlough is over, he will report to Santa Barbara, Calif., for two weeks, and from there will probably go to Fort Lewis, Wash.

C. B. Dorris Fills Alturas Vacancy

ALTURAS—Upon recommendation of the Alturas school board, Mrs. Hallie Tierney, county superintendent of schools, appointed G. B. Dorris to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. John Stile.

Dorris is one of the largest taxpayers in Modoc county and is well known, having lived here all his life.

Potato Storage Facilities Added

PRINEVILLE, Aug. 10 (AP)—Completion of additional potato storage facilities is being rushed here with prospects for an excellent crop in sight, County Agent E. L. Woods said.

Crook county has 3600 acres of potatoes under cultivation this year, he said.

Three warehouses are being constructed, the largest, 320 by 56 feet, will have a capacity of 80 carloads.

Classified Ads Bring Results

Yanks Celebrate As News Of Jap Peace Feelers Heard

By ROBBIN COONS
OKINAWA, Aug. 10 (AP)—This American-held island, only 325 miles from the Japanese homeland, kicked over the traces of war in a wild fireworks celebration as first unofficial word spread that the Japanese are ready to quit.

Soldiers who only three nights ago shot flak airward against enemy raiders, let loose their guns in celebration. The island and naval anchorage rocked with gunfire, cheers and the roar of rockets.

The air raid sirens wailed a prolonged "all clear" signal.

One outdoor movie, showing "Captain Eddie," the story of the life of Eddie Rickenbacker, had reached a sequence where the hero, just back from the first World War, tells his bride he bets millions of other former soldiers are going fishing. At that moment distant cries and cheers echoed above the soundtrack and the GIs, on edge since the first atomic bomb dropped and Russia entered the war, yelled for word.

It came.

The operator announced: "Japan has asked for terms of surrender!"

The film was forgotten in the roaring celebration which followed. Only today supply depots received calls for gas masks as conjecture spread Japan might try a last desperate effort to attack this island.

Lumber Company Sale Announced

ALBANY, Aug. 10 (AP)—Price was reported today to be more than \$100,000 in purchase of the Cameron Lumber company by H. L. Maloney, Coos Bay, and J. L. Chambers, Astoria.

Owner C. C. Cameron, who announced the sale, said he would retire August 15. The transaction included logging equipment and part of the timber holdings.

CHAOS SEEN IN REMOVAL OF HIROHITO

By The Associated Press
To the leaders of Japan the removal of the emperor apparently would be the ultimate disaster which they are not yet ready to accept, despite the hopelessness of the empire's situation.

The Domei broadcast, making retention of the emperor's sovereign rights a condition of otherwise total surrender, emphasizes the unique position Hirohito holds among the world's rulers.

The Japanese call him the Tenno—Son of Heaven—and the masses believe him to be a living god. They say he is the 124th ruler of a dynasty "unbroken for ages ternal" descended from the Sun Goddess Amaterasu, principal deity of their national faith, Shinto.

The reigning emperor not only is the temporal head of the state but also the religious head of the nation, the representative of all the Shinto, deities, which include his own ancestors.

The orthodox Japanese belief is that the dynasty was founded in 680 B. C. by Jimmu Tenno, a great-great grandson of the sun goddess. This date is not supported by actual historical records, since the oldest Japanese

writings came some 1000 years later.

The great majority of Japanese, indoctrinated in emperor worship by intensive propaganda, probably would be unable to conceive of a world without the Tenno. The shock of his removal probably would come to the devout as a more staggering blow to the imagination than the atomic bomb.

Despite the worship accorded him, the emperor as an individual usually wields little actual power. Hirohito has been described as a more or less unwilling party to the megalomaniac schemes of the militarists who gained control of the throne in the thirties and used its power to lead the Japanese people to disaster.

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