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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
THERE'S a lot of glamor in Klamath country history, and some of the best of it should be brought into local focus in 1946.



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It was in 1846 that John C. Fremont, on his second journey into our region made a critical decision that had a lot to do with California's becoming a part of the United States.

And it was in 1846 that the south road was explored as a route for immigrant trains trekking into the Oregon country after crossing the great plains and the Rockies.

In this 100th anniversary year of those events, it is well that we commemorate them in whatever proper ways present themselves during the year.

You Can Visit Them

FROM time to time in this column, we intend to recount those historical events in the winning of the west.

As we have often said, Klamath people are slow to realize the major part our area has in western history. The two important events of 1846, if properly brought into local consciousness this year, will do much to develop a true local recognition of our interesting history.

Furthermore, Klamath people, if they wish, can visit the actual ground on which these things occurred 100 years ago.

Fremont was met by the marine, Lt. Gillespie, at Denny creek on the west side of the upper lake, and after receiving Gillespie's message turned back to play a major part in the events that brought California into the United States.

The South road party, with members of the prominent Applegate family participating, crossed the Klamath country in general along the present California-Oregon line area. The Klamath point of greatest interest in that connection is at the Whitney road bridge, on Lost river near Merrill, where the party crossed the river on a natural stone ledge just a few inches under the water.

Both places are easily reached. People are going to want to get out in the family car for leisurely drives with the opening of spring, and regional historical spots, such as these, will make grand Sunday drive visiting spots.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 1 — A five weeks trip through five southeastern states has proved a lesson to me in fretting about Washington.

When the Wyatt housing program came out, with its scheme for a government cash bounty to high-cost producers of building materials so as to avoid a price increase and inflation, I went to some leading men in the construction industry, and asked:

Q—"Tell me off the record what you really think about this new housing plan? Will it work?"

A—"We have not read it."

Q—"You have not read the Washington plan which proposes to revolutionize systems in your own industry?"

A—"Well, we have been pretty busy."

Q—"But how can you operate without keeping up with the Washington plan of control?"

A—"Our experience has been that Washington has a new plan every day—or well, anyway every week. By the time we understand the first one, the second one changes it all around. If we kept up with Washington plans, we could not keep up with our business. It is just a question of keeping up with Washington or keeping up with our work, so we keep up with our work."

Somewhat Disillusioned

I LEFT somewhat disillusioned about the awesomeness of the federal planning, but still skeptical that these construction people knew their business. My doubts were dispelled a few days later, when, (amazingly to me), Washington announced an increase of \$5 per thousand on lumber to follow the \$5 a ton increase in the price of steel—the two basic materials of the construction industry. Surely enough, these fellows were right. Before the subsidies to avoid price increases had been considered in congress, price increases had been announced in the two lines which mattered most.

Undaunted, when the wage-price-profits program was announced, I sought out leading business men and asked:

Q—"How will your business be affected by the plan to increase wages by 30 per cent over prewar, while limiting price increases to give you a prewar profit, restricted to the number of dollars you made then, dollars now worth half as much?"

A—"What plan is that?"

Q—"Why the new Bowles anti-inflation plan. It was in all the papers."

A—"Oh that. We read something about it. The papers said we can apply for a higher ceiling right away instead of waiting six months, but we did not look into it."

Q—"Yes, but the stock market slid down three days running in the biggest drop since the last depression, and the expert analysts tell me, with apparent soundness, that it would put the capitalist economy into a straight-jacket which will surely squeeze the life out of it."

Plans Seldom Work

A.— Washington plans seldom work out the way they say."

Q—"You mean Washington says one thing, and then does another?"

A—"Well, yes, in a way. They have to, because they get balled up. I also heard that the nation's No. 1 nudist announced a global campaign to do away with clothing. I just do not think it will work out that way. I will bet you 2 to 1 people will be wearing clothes."

Q—"Yes, but Washington did not sponsor that plan. Washington has great power to work its will."

A—"Well, you can take my word for this—it can't be done. If wages and costs go up, prices will go up one way and another, I do not care what Washington says or does. And if wages, material costs and prices go up, profits must go up. So why should I worry and get myself another ulcer?"

My disillusionment expanded. It became complete a few days later when the stock market took the same view about profits, righted itself, and went merrily on its well-advised way, for a few days, and then changed its mind a third time to assume again its initial pessimistic downward course.

Tax Law Changes Explained For Benefit Of Servicemen

(Editor's Note: This is another of several stories explaining who has to do what about his taxes.)

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP) Late in 1945 congress made changes in the tax law for the benefit of war veterans and people still in the armed services. Here's how it stands:

First—If you're an enlisted man or woman:

Your military pay from January 1, 1941, through 1945 is tax exempt. Don't report it.

If you paid tax on military pay for any of those years, you'll get a refund. Ask the collector of internal revenue for it on form 845.

If, in any of these years, you received civilian income of \$500 or more, you have to file a return on it, just as a civilian does.

So much for the enlisted people. Now—if you're a commissioned officer, including a commissioned warrant officer:

Don't Report It
The first \$1500 of your military pay from January 1, 1943, through 1945 is tax free. Don't report it.

Actually, you don't have to file a return on your military pay unless it was \$2000 or more because:

The first \$1500 is tax exempt, as noted. Then you get the usual \$500 exemption on the next \$500 in military pay before being required to file.

(A civilian doesn't have to file a return on income unless he makes \$500 or more).

The following kinds of government pay to servicemen, veterans or their families is tax exempt and doesn't have to be reported:

Rent and subsistence pay; general mustering out pay and bonuses paid to discharged veterans by states; government contributions to family allowances; pensions; disability compensation; disability retirement

pay for service-connected disability; benefits and living allowances given war veterans for education and training or vocational rehabilitation.

Check Further
If you must file, check further on the various items which servicemen can deduct or do not need to mention. There's no room here to list them all.

A serviceman's wife should remember this:
If her husband, because his service pay is too small, is not filing a 1945 return but she is, because she has civilian income of \$500 or more, she can claim him as an exemption.

Which means: she chops \$500 off her income before it is taxed simply by writing down the name of her soldier husband as an exemption on her income tax return.

Debt Wiped Out
All tax debts are wiped out for a person who died in active service after December 1, 1941. The tax debt is wiped out for the year in which he died, and all previous years. Note that it's the debt that is wiped out.

If a family has paid taxes for a serviceman who died in active service since December 1, 1941, it can get a refund, but only for the year in which he died. There's no refund on taxes paid for years prior to his death.

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The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

FRANKFURT, Germany, March 1—There is abroad in the American zone a spirit of uncertainty that strikes me as being a grave embarrassment to our military government which, it should be noted, has one of the world's toughest jobs.

I refer to a rather widespread feeling in this zone, and one finds it registered among some of our allies, that the American public is weakening in its earlier determination to occupy Germany militarily come hell or high water until all the nazi and Prussian aggression had been knocked out of it.

This feeling has been engendered by widespread and insistent demand by the home folk for immediate demobilization of soldier relatives, coupled with the lack of adequate replacements for those demobilized.

Isolationism Talked
You hear the comment that many Americans are reverting to isolationism. I don't believe for a moment, however, that the American public has altered its views about handling Germany. Surely there has been a misinterpretation of our attitude.

It's hard to see how anyone could fail to regard with sympathetic understanding a desire to get the release of our boys who have been long in service abroad, for that natural.

However, distance often distorts vision and the United States is a long way from the occupied zones of Germany.

Thus, we find a considerable amount of uncertainty over here regarding just what policy the American public wants to pursue and uncertainty, of course, is a bad thing for morale.

It's bad for the occupation forces and it's bad for the Germans, who are prone to look on it as a sign of weakness.

There is no call to deliver a homily in this column on the rehabilitation of Germany and Europe as a whole.

The allied leadership has made the needs quite clear. Reformation of Germany and the politico-economic reconstruction of Europe depend upon a long term occupation of the reich by the allies—by all the major allies. The alternative is continued disorganization and ultimately more war.

30-Year Occupation
The British appear to be set for at least a 30-year occupation. One assumes that the Russians and French have similar intentions.

Your columnist also assumes that the people of the United States have the same aim, but it would be most useful if this could be demonstrated for the benefit of the doubtful over here.

I was chatting with an American officer of high rank yesterday and asked him what he would think of America abandoning occupation of Germany.

He cast a caustic eye on me and replied:
"Well, maybe it would be a good thing from one standpoint. It all depends on what the people back home want to achieve. So long as we maintain an army abroad and thus separate families we are lowering the birth rate in the United States. Perhaps on the whole the United States would prefer not to trouble with long military occupations but to fight a new war every 20 years.

Brownie Leaders Finish Course
The last session of the six-hour Brownie leaders training course which has been conducted by Florence McConahy, Girl Scout executive secretary, for the past few weeks was held Thursday morning in the chamber of commerce.

The course included basic information on leadership, handicraft, music, games, dramatics, and outdoor activities. Perfect attendance awards went to Mrs. G. E. Mathews, Mrs. M. F. Shreeve, and Mrs. Harriette Hardman.

Certificates for completion of the course were given to Mrs. W. F. Bryan, Mrs. Frances H. Davis, Mrs. Kenneth Lambie, Mrs. J. K. Calder, Mrs. Orville Farrell, Mrs. Kit Johnson, Mrs. Donald Cram, and Mrs. C. B. Whitlock.

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OPA Officials Probe Rentals

SALEM, March 1 (AP)—Officials of the office of price administration were in Salem today to make a preliminary investigation of home and apartment rentals.

They came at the request of the city council and veterans and labor organizations.

They said that if the preliminary investigation showed rentals excessive, federal rent control would be established immediately. Otherwise, a formal survey, lasting about two months, would be made.

Radio Programs

Table listing radio programs for KFJI Mutual-Don Lee 1240 kc. on Friday Eve., March 1. Includes programs like 'Spotlight Bands & Free Truman', 'Henry J. Taylor', 'Klamath Billiards', etc.

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