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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

KLAMATH county citizens bought \$14,114,978 in E bonds in the period from 1941 through 1945.

The treasury department rates that as \$378.32 per capita, although we are not informed as to what population figure for the county was used in the computation. (Some pretty weird population information has been put out on Klamath county by government as well as other sources in the last few years.)

Under the treasury ratings, this county ranks 17th in the state's 36 counties in per capita bond purchases. That may come as somewhat of a surprise to folks who have thought Klamath was right up at the top.

We can take neighborly pride in what our friends in Lake county did in this rating business. Lake people purchased \$2,785,450 in bonds, for a per capita average of \$508.01, and ranked sixth in the state.

Klamath far outshone Jackson, its neighbor on the west, and is also up on Deschutes to the north. Readers of this column, we believe, will be interested in an overall table on E bond sales, which we pick up this week from the Oregon Voter:



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| County | Total | Per Capita | Rank |
|-------------|---------------|------------|------|
| Baker | \$ 5,404,697 | \$408.53 | 13 |
| Benton | 8,352,239 | 381.34 | 15 |
| Clackamas | 12,576,353 | 199.83 | 36 |
| Clatsop | 11,495,895 | 456.67 | 9 |
| Columbia | 6,461,129 | 323.82 | 22 |
| Coos | 9,642,595 | 354.70 | 20 |
| Crook | 1,617,513 | 279.60 | 29 |
| Curry | 861,043 | 254.34 | 32 |
| Deschutes | 6,315,532 | 341.23 | 21 |
| Douglas | 7,093,706 | 275.38 | 30 |
| Gilliam | 1,259,224 | 607.73 | 3 |
| Grant | 1,728,156 | 321.87 | 23 |
| Harney | 2,147,072 | 504.61 | 7 |
| Hood River | 4,947,153 | 490.21 | 8 |
| Jackson | 11,363,088 | 290.89 | 28 |
| Jefferson | 962,776 | 408.82 | 12 |
| Josephine | 4,845,283 | 319.29 | 24 |
| Klamath | 14,114,978 | 378.32 | 17 |
| Lake | 2,785,450 | 508.01 | 6 |
| Lane | 21,135,560 | 292.37 | 27 |
| Lincoln | 3,423,500 | 248.93 | 34 |
| Linn | 10,497,947 | 311.50 | 25 |
| Malheur | 3,915,091 | 267.13 | 31 |
| Marion | 22,318,525 | 306.93 | 26 |
| Morrow | 2,287,255 | 592.09 | 4 |
| Multnomah | 286,316,859 | 638.67 | 2 |
| Polk | 4,342,028 | 217.62 | 35 |
| Sherman | 1,594,881 | 967.18 | 1 |
| Tillamook | 5,481,778 | 443.69 | 10 |
| Umatilla | 11,411,641 | 384.61 | 14 |
| Union | 6,779,172 | 432.56 | 11 |
| Wallowa | 2,173,943 | 370.98 | 18 |
| Wasco | 5,823,168 | 548.94 | 5 |
| Washington | 10,941,959 | 249.30 | 33 |
| Wheeler | 974,669 | 378.37 | 16 |
| Yamhill | 9,295,658 | 356.08 | 19 |
| Total | \$522,701,521 | \$446.01 | 1* |
| Unallocated | 4,564,403 | 3.87 | |
| Total | \$527,265,924 | \$449.89 | |

* First of 48 states.

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 6—State Secretary Byrnes has been more friendly to the Soviets on the inside than in the public view. He has been active in off-the-record talks with newsmen to press the point that this government had nothing whatever to do with the atom-spy case against Russia, presented by Canada. Mr. Byrnes has claimed he and Mr. Truman did not in any way cooperate with Canada, and knew nothing of what was afoot, aside from a mention of the matter, months ago, when Prime Minister MacKenzie King suggested the evidence he had then at hand to the president. This was during the Atlee visit to Washington last fall. The mere mention a few days ago that Americans might have been involved in the investigation of possible loss of their own secret through Canada, sent him into spasms of off-the-record dismay and denial. The reporter who asked him the question upon the basis of information obtained from Canada, had to explain his source apologetically.

In the world of diplomacy beyond the public eye then, Byrnes has firmly established himself in the position that he is a neutral as between Bevin and Moscow. He has been urging the press to "stop picking on Russia."

Change Coming

ABOUT a week ago, I heard rumblings from the Byrnes sanctum that a firming of American policy toward Russia was at hand. Since then, he has criticized Russian tactics in the Far East—himself—publicly, thus causing newsmen to grumble that his policy now is to let no one criticize except himself.

But personally I believe a change is coming. Mr. Byrnes was not accomplishing anything the way he was going. His activities were not popular in congress where his appropriations are being cut. He built up this winter a new policy based largely on saying "yes" to Russia and caused all America (indeed, the world) to start wondering what would happen the first time he would say "no." A world order built on yeses can last no longer than the first two.

As the people could plainly see, the flimsiness of the card-house of peace which Byrnes had been building, some currency has been granted rumors of war by some people—one widely circulated holds Russia will invade Turkey and Britain will go to her assistance; another that communist fighting in China will bring us to her aid.

These rumors wholly ignore the fact that we have demobilized and the British are not strong enough to fight anyone in the rumored zones of the Near East and China.

If these suggestions of Russian aggression have any soundness at all—or even remote possibilities—we are not only pursuing an ineffective foreign policy, but the wrong military policy. Pearl Harbor should have taught us to be less sleepy—or rather to be less self-centered in our own hopes, thoughts and problems, to the exclusion of what the other fellow is thinking and doing.

It Has Not Demobilized

RUSSIA has not demobilized. We do not know much of what is going on inside Russia herself, but our official eye has seen that the 2,000,000 Russian troops in the occupied zones, unlike our troops, do not wish to go home. Apparently they like it better outside. Also for many months, Russia has had a formidable army on the Manchurian border or in North China, and on the Turkish border. I do not anticipate war. It is unthinkable that Moscow would embark upon Hitleresque aggressions. Like people generally, I resolve all doubts in favor of what I want, and do not feel it comfortable to expect war. Yet the plain inner and outer facts today show me that I must prepare or be ready for what I do not want, these facts of today can be simply summarized in two conclusions:

A satisfactory way of dealing with Russia has not yet been found. Until it is found, we can have no confidence in the peace.

Therefore, a reconsideration not only of foreign policy, but of related military and domestic tactics, would seem to be a primary order of pending government business.



"Look what those boys did to this ham-bone—sometimes I think I'd rather have a sandwich than such a popular daughter!"

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
 AP World Traveler

BERN, March 6 — Switzerland's fixed policy of absolute neutrality, which has existed in principle for some four and a half centuries, raises a tough problem in her relations with the United Nations organization, which thus far hasn't announced any method whereby membership can be accorded to neutrals as such, that is, states that claim special exemptions.

We are likely to hear a good deal about this before long because the question seems bound to arise whether Switzerland is to be given preferential treatment. The Swiss will tell you they're anxious to cooperate with other nations in maintaining peace. They hope that the UNO will find some method whereby at least a modified membership can be accorded. But they would about as soon give up one of their beloved Alps as their neutrality, and if you will glance at your maps of Europe you will begin to see why.



MacKENZIE

Italy. Trouble among the major powers always means grave danger for invasion for Switzerland. But that's not the whole story. The population of the Swiss federation of 22 cantons is drawn chiefly from three races—German, French and Italian. German is spoken by about two millions, French by close to a million and Italian by the balance. (Switzerland's population at the 1941 census totaled 4,265,703.)

Now one can see with half an eye that if Switzerland had abandoned her neutrality in a war involving France, Germany or Italy, she not only would have invited invasion but likely would have caused heartburnings among her own people. Indeed, internal troubles might have resulted. This should be qualified by pointing out that in the second World War the Swiss were against nazism and fascism, but this fact doesn't alter the general proposition.

As the Swiss put their case, they have full confidence in the allied leaders who fought for the liberty of the world. They would gladly accept an invitation to join the UNO if abandonment of neutrality were not involved, but as things now stand the question would have to be submitted to the Swiss people in a plebiscite. The consensus here is that the answer would be "No."

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Telling The Editor

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OVERPASS CONDITION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—It seems to me the city is pretty lax in keeping the road on the overpass across the SP tracks on S. 6th street in decent shape.

There are hundreds of cars daily passing over this overpass and a large number of pedestrians. There are numerous holes pitted in the roadway that fill with greasy water during rainy and snowy weather. Pedestrians crossing this overpass are constantly having clothes splattered with greasy, muddy water which is almost impossible to get out.

About once a year the city gives this road a half-baked patching job and then forgets the matter until it becomes almost impassable again. In the meantime, pedestrians have to try and dodge potholes between cars in order to get across without having their clothes ruined.

Inasmuch as it is not only bad for the pedestrians but also the cars passing over it, I would suggest more frequent attention be paid to the condition of this overpass.

Yours truly,
 FRANK C. MATTHEWS,
 2021 Wantland Ave.
 P. S. This is not just a personal complaint. Numerous other people have talked to me at various times wondering why something was not done.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and all of your staff for the

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U. S. postal receipts for Klamath Falls amounted to \$15,822.34 for February, 1946. This is a decrease of \$3845.04 under receipts for the same month in 1945, when receipts amounted to \$19,527.38.

The decrease in receipts is attributed by Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins, to the reduced number of service personnel overseas and evacuating of military installations here. It is interesting to note, however, he said, that February, 1946, receipts topped those for February, 1944, by \$2107.83.

Controls Off Of Bulbs, Cowbells

WASHINGTON, March 6 (P)—OPA today lifted price controls from electric light bulbs and all musical instruments except radios and phonographs.

It also discontinued price ceilings on snow shoes, cow bells, bull rings, gas masks, cocktail shakers, unglazed flower pots and scores of other items, including baseball and football uniforms, except shoes.

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