

Today's Roundup

PEOPLE used to say hereabouts that they were going out to shoot ducks. This year, we noted a rather wide use of a different terminology. People began talking about going out to "hunt ducks."



EPLEY

Before the season opened on October 26, there appeared to be plenty of ducks in the Klamath country. In fact, there were so many that they became an economic threat. Farmers reported millions of them damaging their grain fields.

The unique measures taken at that time to drive the birds out of the fields may have driven them out of the country for the season. At any rate, they were here in no such numbers when the season opened, and the shooting has been generally lousy, to use the favorite term of the shotgun bearer.

The situation, it seems to us, points to the need for an earlier season in the Klamath-Tulelake area. If the season had been open when the great flocks of birds were decimating the grain fields hereabouts, there would have been a lot of good shooting and that successful hunting would have helped the farmers save their crops.

As it happens, money from duck stamp sales and other sources is used to propagate ducks to raise the devil with farm fields without providing better hunting for the guys paying the bill.

There has been some talk, in this space and elsewhere, about the advisability of a limited season ahead of the regular season to help run the birds out of the fields. That scheme is based on the thought that unlimited hunting might do considerable damage to uncut grain. But possibly, in an earlier open season, farmers with uncut grain could control the hunting there sufficiently to prevent serious damage by hunters who are helping to prevent bird damage to the grain.

At any rate, a limited or unlimited earlier season appears definitely in order. Now's the time to do something about it.

Christmas Suggestion

OF all the colorful, glittering things one buys for Christmas, nothing is more handsome in purpose than a bit of paper that costs a single penny—the Christmas seal.

Klamath people have bought Christmas seals generously for years, knowing that they serve a great cause—the control of tuberculosis—and that the money derived from that sale has been effectively used over many years.

The Christmas seal idea had its genesis in Denmark. In 1903, a Copenhagen postal clerk suggested that a penny stamp be attached to each Christmas package to build a fund for hospitals for children. More than 4,000,000 seals were sold at the Copenhagen post office in the first year of seal sales, 1904.

In July, 1907, Jacob Riis published an article in the Outlook suggesting adoption of the Christmas seal idea in America, to finance the battle against tuberculosis—then more ravaging and more widely feared than now—thanks to the Christmas seal. Emily Bissell, a young public health worker in Wilmington, Delaware, sought out the idea into practical effect. After any discouragements, she found a friend in A. Van Valkenburg, editor of the Philadelphia North American. The North American's publicity gave the first seal sale enough impetus to produce \$3000 and the next year, the seal sale became nationwide. It brought \$135,000. In 1944, seal sales aggregated \$15,000,000.

What has happened to the dreaded "white plague" in that period. In 1907, deaths from tuberculosis in this country averaged 174 per 100,000 population. In 1943, they had dropped to 43 per 100,000 population.

In our own county, much effective work has been done in the control and prevention of tuberculosis, financed by seal sales.

In these "easy money" times, seal sales should be bigger than ever. This is a good year to buy an extra sheet.

The Soviet Embassy says Joe Stalin is in perfect health. Now don't tell us that Russian Winter, that used to give the invading Germans the devil every year, hasn't even given Joe a common cold.

New Head To Be Elected

A new president will be elected by the League of Oregon Cities at a special meeting in Portland Thursday. George Stadieman, former mayor of The Dalles, was elected president of the league for this year, but was defeated in the last election. Head of the league must be a

city official so a special election is necessary. Mayor Ed Ostendorf, member of the league board of directors, will attend the meeting, leaving Klamath Falls Wednesday night. City officials present for the Portland conference will meet Thursday morning with county courts in session in Portland. On Friday night the mayor will attend a regional league meeting in Eugene and return here Friday night.

The word hose originally meant breeches reaching only to the knee.

Snell And Gordon Slated To Speak

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 (AP)—Governor Snell and Senator Gordon (R-Ore.) were scheduled to speak today before second day sessions of the 41st annual convention of the Association of Oregon Counties.

Committee meetings were held by delegates yesterday. Parchment, which preceded paper, was made from sheepskin or goatskin, vellum from calfskin.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for dates (TUESDAY EVE., DEC. 10; WEDNESDAY A. M., DEC. 11) and radio stations (KFLW-1450 kc., KFJJ-1240 kc.). Lists various programs like '6:04 Salvo Concert', '7:15 From A to Z in Novelty', '10:00 News', etc.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The peace has suddenly turned into a phantom of delight. No one here knows what it means—at least no one with any worthwhile official authority, although some suspect a lot. In fact, nearly everyone suspects it will turn out like the apparition of Wordsworth to be only "a moment's ornament."

Words could hardly fly higher (the altitude ceiling of phraseology being what it is) than Russia's abandonment of the veto in disarmament inspection. Far above lofty was Molotov's stratospheric reversal of position to embrace peace and actual inspection of armament production—in the world, including, strange as it seems, Russia. A foreign diplomat cannot now even travel around Russia today to see the streets, much less anything secret. He cannot ascertain the volume of—say—on and off propaganda production in the USSR, much less the amount of uranium production, gold, airplanes, atom bombs or matchsticks. No one is free to ascertain anything about Russia. For her to open suddenly her unprecedented isolation to world inspection on any subject offers the best verbal prospect for peace yet proposed.

What May Happen

THE common interpretation here is that as soon as any UNO commission starts trying to go to Russia to find out how much uranium there is, the Soviet government will again cloak herself in the impenetrable bear hide, hide it in buckets in the cellar, say the venture is too costly, furnish us some statistics her government considers substantial and advise us to believe these or not—or recommend that UNO investigate Spain first, where she actually claimed atom bombs were hidden not so long ago—or the United States which is rumored to have both 59 and none at all. (AP says none; better private sources say 59.)

But do not be too sure of Russia walking out on this agreement, at least not until she puts our bombs under international management. A few well advised people say Russia has no bombs and what is worse few planes sufficiently efficient to carry any if she ever got one. Her scientific experiments in atomic energy have been typically Russian, that is to say, unsuccessful. Her purge and reorganization of her scientists may not have been effective. If she has no modern armaments of air warfare (she never even had a bombing plane of long range value in the last war) why would she not want disarmament of those who have armaments—at least for a few years until she can get something? And why would she not abandon the veto and keep others from using one, especially others who have armaments, bombs and uranium to protect—and no comparable facilities for hiding same? How this all will turn out, nobody knows.

Meyer Quits Bank

WITH considerably less delight Eugene Meyer has quit the world bank, saying—although absolutely no one believes him—he intended to resign as soon as he got it started. His explanation was too thin to fool a blind man because he had turned his newspaper conclusively over to a board for operation and has been away only five months or so. Furthermore no one said anything at the time of his appointment to indicate his world bank direction would be temporary.

Some knowing authorities say he found out the bank was not a bank, which most people knew in the first place. It is a loan agency without assets—or money. The nations were to contribute great sums to be loaned (or rather given away on the best terms possible) around the world—but no one has put up any money. A half dozen demands for gifts called loans has been presented by some states, mostly of communist leanings. It is just possible Meyer discovered the difficulty of giving away money from an empty drawer, or may possibly have questioned the wisdom of capitalism contributing great sums to communist states (I doubt this last possibility.)

Nevertheless there are to be even greater delights.

Russia is now to soar on the wings of her stratospheric words to get \$1,000,000,000 in loans from us. The five peace treaties are to be signed and presented to the senate. Not much objection to ratification will be made, except perhaps about the luscious reparations to be collected by Russia. Mr. Byrnes will bring up Germany and Austria as the next step and maybe try for peace about them, while the delight lasts and possibly before Russia gets our money.

All statesmen will practically bust in swelling with good feeling at the lovely apparition of peace they have turned out—the lofty words they cannot define, upon which they have built their peace.

SIDE GLANCES



"Yes, I bought those white shirts for you the other day, but you can't wear them till I manage to find some laundry soap!"

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS



Pretty Barbara Eller has been added to the cast of "Glamour Manor" heard Monday through Friday at 9 a. m. over KFLW. Kenny Baker is the singing host at the Manor.

Jeanne Shirley, former featured vocalist with Claude Thornhill's orch and other top bands, is the guest songstress on ABC's Breakfast club during this week. The program, with Don McNeill emceeing, is heard Monday through Friday at 8 a. m. over KFLW.

Persons in the Klamath basin with more nerve than sense are tuning in about 6:15 a. m. for Paul Alexander's zany wake-up show over KFLW. That is whenever Paul makes it to work on

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Romance is so obscured in these days of strife that the love affair reported to be developing rapidly between England's charming Princess Elizabeth and handsome young Prince Philip of Greece is like a burst of sunshine through storm-clouds.

Admittedly there are international questions of far greater importance than whether Elizabeth and Philip love each other. Still, it's worthy of note that romance is one of the fine things of life which our very "mysterious" world hasn't been able to stifle. One could extend that thought to motherly love and peace on earth—but we didn't start out to present a homily, so let's get back to our muttons, which is the Briton's way of calling for a return to the subject of discussion.

No Announcement

There has been no announcement of an engagement. On the contrary Buckingham palace stands pat on its announcement of last September that "Princess Elizabeth is not engaged." However, the palace hasn't said she wouldn't become engaged or wasn't in love, and moreover there has been a "mysteriously" inspired flood of favorable publicity for the prince running in the British press the past few days. Also, it is said that Philip has applied for British naturalization, which would be a requisite to marriage with the heiress to the world's greatest throne.

The way European royal families intermarry it isn't surprising to learn that Prince Philip is third cousin to Princess Elizabeth. He is a nephew of the distinguished Lord Mountbatten and has been in the British navy since he was 19 (he is now 25). He and the 20-year-old princess have been seeing much of each other and have appeared in public together, and England is prepared to hear in due course that he is to marry his princess and thus in time become prince consort.

Prince Consort A prince consort's chief distinction is that he is husband of the queen. She is the sovereign and he has no privileges of monarchy. The last prince consort of England was Prince

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THANK YOU

HENLEY, Ore. (To the Editor)—The Henley high school wishes to express our appreciation for the splendid support of the news coverage which you gave us during the recent football season. If we can ever be of assistance to you do not hesitate to call on us. Sincerely yours, FRED HESS, President; MARY ELLEN HAYS, Secretary; SHIRLEY MASTEN, Treasurer; C. E. HOWE, Principal.

Fire Department Answers 3 Calls

The city fire department was kept busy Monday afternoon and evening, answering three alarms. The first call came at 4:13 p. m. from Mrs. Lulu C. Hobson, 1329 Wilford. A small blaze had started on the roof from chimney sparks. The blaze was quickly put out and little damage done. At 6:24 p. m. a call was received from 322 N. 9th, where defective wiring had started a small blaze. Owner of the house is Della E. McGrath. Small damage was reported. The third call came at 7:54 p. m. from J. C. Tittle, 1620 Halsey, where an oil stove had started smoking. Light damage was reported.

Andrus Gets Ten Years

Merrill "Bud" Andrus, Indiana ex-convict, pleaded guilty to grand larceny before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg yesterday afternoon and was sentenced to spend 10 years in the Oregon state prison.

The 26-year-old man admitted stealing money and jewelry from the Lenz ranchhouse at Klamath marsh in October, amounting to about \$1400. He was apprehended in Peoria, Ill., where most of the stolen property was recovered. Andrus told the court that he had been in much trouble before and has a record dating back to a reformatory sentence when he was 13 years old. When he finishes his time in Oregon, he is wanted in Indiana to finish serving a 1 to 14 year stretch there.

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