

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

A POINT of much interest that has been largely overlooked in the outside newspaper and radio stories about the Tulelake homestead opening is that the new land to be settled by World War II veterans was under 25 feet of water 35 years ago.

It was then the bottom of a huge lake. These 86 farms, as well as scores of other farms already operating in the neighboring area, were made available for agricultural purposes through the unwatering of the bed of Tule lake, which once spread over some 100,000 acres in Oregon and California.

Tule lake was a fresh water lake formed by the discharge of Lost river and occasional, but rare, overflows from Klamath river. Its ancient water line is indicated by rows of willows to be seen at various places around the lake, especially on the west side. The well-defined shore line lies at about 4055 feet above sea level.

The early plans for the development of the Klamath reclamation project contemplated as one feature the partial unwatering of the bed of Tulelake and inclusion of the lands thus exposed as a part of the farmed area of the project.

The job was accomplished by shutting off the inflow into the lake. Clear lake dam, which controls the flow of Lost river from its source, was constructed in 1911, creating a large reservoir. Gerber reservoir, controlling the flow of Miller creek, a Lost river tributary, was completed in 1925.

These dams, alone, were not enough to prevent a flow of water into Tule lake which would flood the potential farm lands there. An essential part of the program was the Lost river diversion dam and channel. The dam is on Lost river, and the channel runs from the reservoir thus formed to Klamath river. By this means, water running down Lost river may be shifted into Klamath river and prevented from running on down into Tule lake. In 1931, the diversion channel was enlarged to a capacity of 1200 second feet.

An interesting feature of the diversion channel is that it is level, and water may be moved in either direction through it. In the irrigation season, if more water is needed in Lost river below the dam for irrigation purposes, it can be directed through the diversion channel from Klamath river.

Clear lake and Gerber dams, and the Lost river diversion channel, accomplished the intended purpose, and by 1917, Tule lake water had evaporated sufficiently to make possible the opening of the first land there. In 1922, the first land of the Tulelake division, proper, was opened and since then the area of homestead land on Tulelake has been steadily increased.

The original plans for reclaiming Tule lake bed contemplated reserving a large portion of the bed for sump purposes—for storage of water which seemed certain to flow into the lake despite the upstream and diversion projects. This is the area known as the "sump." It was not originally intended for farming purposes.

But through a series of dry years, it became plain that not all the sump area was needed for storage purposes, and the government leased thousands of acres in the sump for agricultural purposes. It still does.

Meanwhile, the government has proceeded with development of the unwatered lands outside the sump area and has opened them to homesteading. The land involved in the drawing on Wednesday is a part of this development. Coppek bay will follow into the homestead picture.

Tule lake has proved to be a tremendous success as a reclamation project. The land is fertile, the water supply is ample, and the farmers, largely veterans, who have settled there have made the most of the great opportunities it offers. The successful participants in Wednesday's drawing will be indeed fortunate to be given a chance to carve out a home and a living in that productive area where once lapped the waters of a great lake.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—My radio dined it into me—and at least one newspaper said at the top of its front page—that Phil Murray had "accepted" the Nathan survey

County Tax 85 Per Cent In

The county tax office has collected approximately 85 per cent of the money due on its current roll, and has already distributed about half of the amount to the various taxing districts.

Through last Saturday a total of \$2,101,901.57 had been received. The tax bill is \$2,468,077.29.

Many taxpayers are paying their assessments in full to take advantage of a three per cent discount allowed, and the office has acknowledged discounts of \$61,368.92.

Two Teen-Agers Die In Crash

IDAHO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 16 (AP)—A Denver teen-ager and his fiance were fatally injured and 13 other skiers returning from a Sunday outing were injured yesterday when their open-body truck plunged off a mountain highway and into the icy waters of Clear creek.

Guy Clifford Cowan, 18, of Denver, was crushed to death in the 40-foot plunge, and his fiance, Helen Fouse, 18, also of Denver, died early today in Colorado General hospital, Denver.

Two Plead Guilty To Pistol Theft

Two young Indian men, John Alfred Barkley, 19, and Lloyd Leland Hood, 26, pleaded guilty in justice court this morning to petty larceny in the theft of a pistol and were fined \$25 each.

The weapon, a .45-caliber Colt revolver, was stolen several weeks ago from Mrs. Myrtle Rae, 2250 S. 6th. State police located the pistol at Pine Ridge yesterday and arrested Barkley and Hood. The latter is said by police to be an ex-convict.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for MONDAY EVE., DECEMBER 16 and TUESDAY A. M., DECEMBER 17. Lists radio stations (KFLW-1450 kc, KFJL-1240 kc) and their respective programs and times.

SIDE GLANCES



"He broke his arm trying to hang by his knees to impress a girl, and she didn't visit him once—I'm afraid he has lost his faith in womanhood!"

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS



The babe in the above picture has nothing whatsoever to do with anything happening today, we're merely running her picture because we couldn't find a more appropriate one. Kinda pretty though, don'tcha think? She's Doris Grundy, an ex-Conover model, who free-lances in various bit roles on radio productions.

Listeners to "Stardust Melodies," KFLW at 10 p. m. Mondays through Saturdays, are busy jotting down reasons why they like the Chuck Cecil production, Harwin's, sponsors of the broadcast, is offering a Fada combination radio-phonograph for the best answer. All ya got to do is write to Stardust Melodies, KFLW, telling why you like the show in 100 words or less. Contest ends midnight Wednesday. Hurry, Hurry.

Cannon Beach Cafe Burns To Ground

CANNON BEACH, Dec. 16 (AP)—The newly-constructed Cannon Beach cafe burned to the ground yesterday, but the Seaside fire department prevented the blaze from spreading to adjacent buildings.

Cannon Beach, which has no fire department, summoned help from nine-mile-distant Seaside. Cause of the blaze was not determined.

Bevos Schedule 12 Practice Tilts

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—One of the heaviest pre-season schedules of recent years awaits the Portland Pacific Coast league Beavers during spring training General Manager William Mulligan said today.

The Beavers will play 12 practice games out of the Riverside, Calif., camp. Four will be against major league outfits and the remainder against Coast league rivals.

All queen bees in charge of hives are widows. The drone of hives are widows. The drone dies after the honeymoon flight, and never returns home.

The World Today

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

For ten months and three weeks of 1946 the foreign ministers council and the United Nations gave cause for little except pessimism. For each step forward there seemed to be a step back.

Russia seemed determined to turn the international conferences into mere forums for propaganda. Britain's prime minister went to Paris in the summer for what he termed "one last effort" to get the Russians to really co-operate. Little seemed to come of it. The Paris conferences and the first weeks of the New York conferences seemed merely to emphasize the cleavage between Russia and the English-speaking countries.

Then, four weeks ago, Russia began to show signs of softening. She decided that once a disarmament plan was set up, she would not demand the right to veto the decisions of its enforcement agencies. She compromised on Trieste, on freedom of Danube traffic, and other matters. Having proposed general disarmament, she actually began demobilizing her vast army of occupation in Europe.

She took some beatings, such as on her efforts to have all UN members break relations with Franco Spain and to secure a nose-count of armies on foreign soil, with better grace than heretofore and with no "walkouts." She displayed an apparent willingness to lose her political position in Iran's province of Azerbaijan rather than stir up another hornet's nest over it. Determined action by the central government at Tehran apparently wiped out within a few days, and with a minimum of fighting, the Soviet-sponsored Azerbaijan local government and re-opened the province, which had been virtually cut off from the rest of Iran since the Russian occupation during the war.

Question Raised The reasons for the new attitude, and whether it would last, were, of course, the subjects of much speculation. Some UN delegates pointed out that Russia needed in her fields and factories the troops with which she had been backing up her military diplomacy abroad, needed financial help from abroad for her five-year plan, and had found that her previous attitude was building up an unprofitable resentment against her. There are also some who hope that Russia's diplomats have through continued association, begun to feel more trustful of the west.

On the question of whether the new Russian attitude would last also depended much of the value of the other developments during the New York meetings.

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Glass Jar Top Causes Accident

Mrs. Aaron Hoffman, resident of Wocus district and Latin instructor at Klamath Union high school, suffered a painful injury late Sunday morning when she cut her left hand on a glass jar.

Mrs. Hoffman was admitted to Klamath Valley hospital at 11:05 a. m. Sunday and later dismissed. The attending physician said the tendons of the left thumb were severed by the severe gash.

House Hunting Problem Solved

GOLD BEACH, Dec. 16 (AP)—Curry county officials solved the house-hunting problem of their welfare administrator when Miss Virginia Blais threatened to resign for lack of accommodations. A fourth-floor capola in the courthouse tower was quickly renovated, water piped in and Miss Blais began housekeeping in the small octagon room.

Prowlers Steal Christmas Gifts

Prowlers, possibly juveniles, celebrated Christmas a little early Saturday night, sweeping presents from under the tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Matschenbacher, 1619 Lakeview.

Matschenbacher reported to police that the thieves entered the house through an unlocked door early Saturday night and made off with a cosmetic set, shorts and socks, two dolls, a toy boat and a box of candy, total value of about \$15.50.

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