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Today's Roundup

PAINFUL aftermath of the widely publicized Tulelake homestead drawings is announced rejection of 10 of those whose names appeared among the first 86 drawn on that eventful day.



EPLEY

Despite repeated notations in news stories and official statements that the 86 "lucky" veterans would be subjected to a final screening before certified as entrants, undoubtedly many people got the impression that the drawing was final.

Touchy Business

WHEN Michael Straus, reclamation commissioner, was here last fall, he made the statement in a talk at Tulelake that the reclamation bureau was deeply concerned about the homestead opening because of the high value of the farms at stake and the extreme interest among veterans.

On the whole, however, the program has proceeded smoothly. Much credit must go to the homestead examining board, made up of representative, reputable citizens, whose integrity cannot be questioned.

Chance Of Success

NO system for handling a deal of this kind could be perfect. No plan could be devised that would guarantee to turn the farms over to the most deserving of all interested veterans, and we doubt if any system could be worked out even to determine who are the most deserving.

There may be improvements that could be made on the plan that has been followed on this opening, but in general outline it appears to us to be sound and fair.

Tragedy And Its Causes

TRAGEDY has taken the lives of two children in the Klamath area in the past two days. Both incidents bear examination for causes that need public recognition so that other incidents of the kind may be prevented.

In one case, a small boy, too young to be responsible for what happened, fired a gun that killed his little sister. It's the old story of the handy gun that has been at the bottom of many a tragedy in this area over the years.

Stove oil poured on live coals is believed to have caused the fire which killed a Tulelake boy and seriously burned his sister.

Hiatt To Attend Minneapolis Meet

Rex Hiatt, manager of the Western Auto Supply company here, will leave Thursday evening to attend a four-day national merchandise mart and sales show in Minneapolis, Minn., January 27 to 30.

new selling and display techniques. Hiatt will leave Klamath Falls by train and join a special train later. He expects to return in about 10 days.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22—The officially inspired reports said Mr. Truman had effected a great compromise between the navy and army to get service approval for his unified army, navy and air force.

There is to be an overall secretary of national defense—instead of one called secretary of the armed forces as the original report recommended, but there are to be three equal departments under him, air, army and navy.

My information indicates Mr. Truman actually "compromised" the navy with a rhetorical cat-o-nine-tails. The "compromise" effected by the navy was simply a promise to do no more lobbying to delay the merger which had already been too long delayed.

Unification

THIS there will now go into full effect a unification plan which was first disclosed in detail to the outside world (and my information is, also the first to Truman himself) in this column on October 8, 1945.

The fight of the admirals against this change was wholly unrealistic of the condition of the war plans today. Our frontier is not at our seacoasts or where the geography traces its maps of our extremities.

The Russians well realize this new state of defense affairs in their current efforts to obtain Spitzbergen bases from the Norwegians despite treaties protecting the neutrality of that territory.

Now Spitzbergen which became a legal entity for the first time in 1921 by a treaty under which the world powers accepted Norwegian sovereignty, reflects the impact of world affairs from several facets.

What About Savings?

WHEN the "compromise" was first announced, certain authorities thought it necessary to warn the public there would be no savings therefrom but that the \$15,000,000,000 armed service budget this year could not be cut below \$11,500,000,000 next year.

That sounded bad, so other authorities rushed out with promises to eliminate more energetically the current duplication and waste and later it became known some reserve officers told the congressional committees a savings of perhaps \$1,500,000,000 could be made in the military budget.

No matter what savings can be (and frankly a great many should be) effected, and no matter what trivial circumstances may now be called a big compromise for face saving publicity for the navy, the great truth behind the announcement is that the armed services seem now to have grasped their problem with accurate knowledge and a realistic hand.

What is to be expressed our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, the messages of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings during our recent bereavement, the loss of our son and brother, Dennis.

RADIO PROGRAMS

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"I'll be back on the job tomorrow with the cold licked if I can avoid a nervous breakdown from worrying about what's happening to three families on the radio!"

The World Today

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

Spitzbergen, main island of the Svalbard group toward which Moscow is making passes, had been operating as an organized community for only 17 years when the Russians first began to covet it.

That was during the first World war when the private wanted to buy out the private Norwegian coal owners, who had gone in along with British and American developers after 1900.

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Oregon Car Used By Abductor

(Continued From Page One) lize guard until last night when she and her father were stationed across the street from a Sacramento bar in a futile effort to capture her abductor.

The father, John Edward Devine, wealthy Lodi grape grower and vice president of the American Fruit Growers association, had been told in a note the night before to be at the bar at 8 p. m. last night with \$10,000 in \$20 and \$1,000 bills if he wished to see his daughter again.

After waiting nearly an hour beyond the ransom deadline, police and FBI agents decided the kidnaper had been frightened away by newspaper stories and the girl and her father were returned home in a state highway patrol automobile.

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Fowler and Leighton opened the living room door again and entered the house. They found Peggy, clad in her night clothing, on the kitchen floor. The two men carried the girl from the flaming rooms and out the front door, put both children in Leighton's car and rushed to Tulelake where the youngsters were transferred to the Tulelake ambulance which brought them into Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, who work on the night shift at Cut-Ore packing plant, arrived shortly after the children were moved and found their home in flames. Neighbors told them the boy and girl had gone to Tulelake and they returned there and followed the ambulance into the hospital.

Spencer said there was only one door to the house. He told The Herald and News this morning that he thought Peggy had poured stove oil in the living room heater to keep the house warm for their return. It was probable, he said, that there were live coals in the stove which caused an explosion. The residence and the family's belongings were completely destroyed. The Tulelake fire department arrived too late to save the structure.

The Spencer family moved to Tulelake from Jonesboro, Ark., September 2, 1946, and have been working in the potatoes since coming here. Peggy is a student at Tulelake Junior high school. Tommy was born Easter Sunday, April 25, 1943, in Memphis, Tenn. Peggy is Mrs. Spencer's daughter by a previous marriage. The residence is in a row of frame buildings owned by Otto Schultz of Santa Ana, Calif., and the farm property is operated by Earl Schultz. It is located three miles northeast of Tulelake on the state line.

Final rites for Tommy Spencer will be announced by Ward's.

Price Of Gas Boosted Here

Gasoline prices went up a half-cent a gallon in Standard and Signal service stations this morning, and the other oil companies in town expect to receive orders to advance their prices to the same level very shortly.

Price at noon today in Standard and Signal stations was 25 cents for regular and 27 cents for premium gas.

Transportation costs were blamed by the Standard Oil company of California in bringing about the price increase in Oregon and six other western states. Diesel and stove oil here went up a quarter-cent per gallon last week and other oil products have had slight raises.

CE Society Slates Special Service

MERRILL, Jan. 22—The Christian Endeavor society of the Merrill Presbyterian church will hold a special service at the church at 7:30 p. m., Sunday.

Adult leaders of the group are the Rev. Kenneth Brown, pastor, and Mrs. Paul Lewis. The public is invited.

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For those who were worried over the disappearance of Willie Piper last Sunday, he has been found. See, we even have a picture of him and Martha, his ever-loving. Willie was found Monday evening tucked between "Skip Farrell" and "The Doctors Talk It Over" at 8:30 p. m.

The local bistros have had to get rid of their feminine bartenders and orders of the union. Only two of the fair sex are left in town to mix your juleps and assorted drinks and one of those works outside the city.

Speaking of the local drinkeries, they've popped out lately with myriads of punchboards. Ya lays out your coin and ya takes your punch. If you've got luck enough, you win a 50-cent box of candy which the house'll gladly buy back from you for 30 cents.

Bingsday comes around this time every week, so here's the latest dope. (No, we don't mean Henry Morgan.)

Bing has as his special guest tonight Georgie Jessel, long-time vaudeville and musical comedy entertainer. Jessel and Crosby will get together to recall old times and reminisce with a few old song favorites.

Bing is literally taken apart and put back together again in the January issue of Fortune magazine. In a massive, completely documented article, the entire Crosby empire, his family, associates, profits, relations with the radio industry and even his private life, are analyzed.

Right after Bing signs off, his sparring mate, Henry (Here's Morgan) takes over. We can't tell you what will happen on the Morgan show, there are even rumors that Morgan couldn't tell you himself before he hits the air at 9:30 tonight over KFLW.

A local gent parks his car, gets out, sees the newly installed parking meters. Taking a penny from his jeans he solves the intricacies of inserting it, takes another look at the directions, starts turning the crank handle. Around and around it goes, the

man pulls his hand away, crank still in it, completely twisted off the meter. Man scratches head, "Guess I must a done something wrong," he mutters.

Another big farmer with fingers as round as a two-bit piece walks out of a poolhall, notices the meters and starts looking them over. In case you haven't noticed, to get a coin in the meters you have to balance it on your finger, shove it upward behind the hood which covers the coin slot, twist your finger in the hole, push a little farther and then the coin drops. This guy gets his finger into the hole okay, twists it, lets his penny drop, then finds his finger's stuck. He twists and pulls for a couple of seconds and finally just gives a big jerk. The finger comes out bruised, cramped and maybe busted. What he had to say we can't print.

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homesteads, only 13 were reversed by the appeal officer, and it is expected that all or nearly all of the current rejections will be sustained.

Reclamation officials said they were reluctant to announce the names of rejectees, at least until after the appeal period has passed and their rejection is final.

The board has conducted 18 interviews in the final screening. Eight of those rejected were personally interviewed, and two were disqualified for "technical reasons," according to Ten Broeck Williamson, regional settlement officer who had charge of the opening program.

As soon as the list of homestead winners is final, they will be notified of the date on which selection will be made of the farms. Winners will be given their choice of the farms in the order of their numbers in the drawing.

PORTLAND, Jan. 22 (AP)—Three veterans who said they have been disqualified from claiming Tulelake homesteads they won in a reclamation bureau drawing told today of their disappointment.

All said a five-man examining board had ruled they lacked sufficient farm experience under the qualification code set up prior to the December drawing in Klamath Falls.

James McAndie, 42, No. 57 in the drawing, a navy pharmacist's mate, said he had worked all one year on a Merrill, Ore., farm. Miles J. Jakes, 29, No. 3 on the list, who was born at Scappoose, said he had worked at farm chores all his life while at home. Royal Bossen, 20, now studying at Vanport college here, said he had worked on his grandfather's and uncle's 900-acre ranch near Elkton as long as he could remember.

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