

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
TOMORROW, Klamath basin agriculture — past, present status, and prospects — will occupy the center of public attention through a county agricultural planning conference.

These conferences are held at intervals of several years, and in a way represent milestones in the history of the basin's great farming and livestock industry. The conference itself represents merely the culmination of weeks and months of study and preparation by 10 large committees, and the reports made at conference time stand as standard reference works concerning basin agriculture for years.

Agriculture meaning what it does to our community economically, it is not necessary longer to dwell on the importance of this meeting tomorrow.

Changes

KLAMATH agriculture presents a changing picture. We have been talking recently about the new problems that have presented themselves as potato growing, after 20 years, reaches its majority and advances into adulthood.

A score or so years ago, Klamath agriculture passed through a major transition, with crop farming assuming a major role after a long period in which this had been pretty largely a livestock region. Crop farming now faces new problems, and these will be in focus no doubt at tomorrow's agricultural conference.

Livestock industry, too, faces changing conditions and new problems that will be before the conclave.

We Worry About Him

HERE in the Klamath country, town and rural areas have always been closely linked, and what the farmers do is not just county news.

We've always been interested in the instinctive concern of just about everybody for the farmer, and we've enjoyed kidding our farmer friends on that point.

For example, when the farmers are short-handed, we've seen city ginks go out in the fields and torture their soft muscles trying to help get in the crop. We've done it ourself, and all in fun, we ask our farmer friend why in heck he isn't in helping The Herald and News when it runs into a manpower shortage. We remind him that when the farmer runs short of fertilizer or reefer cars, we pass resolutions and get all worked up with concern over his troubles; yet The Herald and News has been short of paper for a long time and we haven't seen any grange resolutions about it.

Last summer, this scribe took a trip across country. In the midwest, we were always running into farm equipment all over the highway, causing us to slow down to a snail's pace, and maybe cripple along for a mile or so when we thought we were in a great hurry. But we always took such incidents in the best of spirits; we looked benignly on the farmer; and were glad that he was getting his equipment moved all right so he could get in the crop on that other field.

Had it been industrial equipment in the road, we would have bitten a piece out of the steering wheel.

Why is it? It must be because we know instinctively that the farmer represents something that is so fundamental and vital to the country that his welfare is our welfare.

That, certainly, is true when scaled down to the dimensions of our own region, and that is why tomorrow's conference is of major public importance.

News Behind The News

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 25—The deeper you travel down here in the relaxing swarms of business and union directors, the more you will find discontent on both sides at the initial leadership of the republicans.

Indeed you will find the reason behind the

news that republican strategist Taft has hastened forward with an announcement that congress must assuredly will pass something like the Case bill restricting union economic and political domination.

From the union directors side of the sun emporiums on the beaches, you will get their arguments, already being widely printed, about the rights of collective bargaining to be wiped out, about a despotic cabal to destroy the unions, a great viewing with alarm. Naturally! The unions have chosen to look upon even any fair and objective move to reform as a dastardly plot. The utmost lobbying pressure is being used by them to arraign their democrats against the republicans on purely political grounds, to lend some chaos to the discussions and otherwise delay the results from congress of an election which they lost heavily at the polls. This seems to be the basic working strategy. Their views are all being published.

Why They Won

But the discontent of business with republican results so far, has not reached print and is not widely known although it is widespread. A composite lecture to the republicans which I received off the record from more than a dozen of them would run like this:

"There was only one reason why the republicans won such a strong popular victory at the polls last November. The people were tired of the union-democratic coalition rule, of course, the public was tired of rationings, restrictions and being kicked around. But most of these union-democratic measures had been killed by Mr. Truman in sheer fear of public wrath before election day. What the people wanted was a restoration of some sense in handling the strikes, a cessation of the nationally destructive strikes. Indeed a lot of union people themselves wanted relief from their leaders.

"Nearly three months have passed, and we have nothing. The unions have gotten to the republicans in some way and are trying to run them like they ran the democratic party—without allegiance to party but from the inside.

"Strong republican leadership to assert the popular will has been lacking. We have merely been pushed into a political fight between Mr. Truman on one side and Senators Taft and Vandenberg on the other, which is nullifying results—an outcome which is just what the union leaders wanted.

"In this situation we business people ourselves have shown no tendency to assert ourselves. We are afraid or too timid to speak out, and tell what we know to be true.

"The whole movement to restore this nation economically is therefore teetering and could fall. The country knew what it wanted. The people demanded it. They are not getting it.

"Why the republicans even ran on a platform of tax reduction and now are involved in a nullifying argument as to how it shall be done, if at all. (Note—The promises were made by individual republican candidates generally, it appears from a casual study of the record.)

"This country desperately needs leadership and is not getting any."

Some Confusion

My own feeble voice of response appears not sufficiently strong to reassure anyone very much. The delay of three months since election (it is only seven weeks since the new congress actually assembled) gave time for the unions to organize a lobbying campaign which truly has reached strong proportions. Republicans are considerably new at this game. The news from Washington shows some confusion exists, particularly among freshmen, as a result. But canvasses of congressional sentiment certainly show a strong majority behind many steps suggested by the republican leadership, and every prospect of ultimate enactment of the program. The reassurance Taft has given will achieve some popular pacification. A beginning of reform like the Case bill can certainly be passed if the unions do not succeed in delaying action until they wear down majority determination—and passed this time over a Truman veto. Perhaps stronger measures to outlaw the closed shop cannot be passed without trouble now, and consideration of these at this time may delay results which are needed at once to reestablish some public assurances.

The arguments are about all in now. A bill has been promised for March. Certainly any stretching further of the officially planned deliberate consideration will be dangerous, because it would encourage public suspicion that the unions are throwing the republicans off the track.

Minister Accused Of Church Fire

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Rev. Dr. John Lewis was on leave of absence today from the pastorate of the fashionable Calvary Presbyterian church pending outcome of charges that he attempted to burn the edifice last month.

The 72-year-old former president of the Milwaukee Council of Churches requested the leave yesterday in order, he said, to devote all his time to defense of what he called a "fantastically untrue" charge. He told the church elders that "you may rest assured of a complete vindication in the near future."

In granting the leave, the elders directed that the minister's salary be paid in full during his absence from the pulpit.

Dr. Lewis, described by his physician as a "sick man" was unable to conduct the services yesterday.

The tall, slenderly-appearing pastor, at liberty under \$1000 bond, was arrested on complaint of William Rossiter, deputy fire marshal who alleged that Dr. Lewis purchased two quarts of kerosene two days before the \$150,000 fire on January 25. Rossiter said that strips of kerosene-soaked cloth were found near the church's \$50,000 organ, which was destroyed in the blaze.

Damage Plane At Sun Valley

Damage to a private Tulelake plane occurred in Sun valley last week, delaying the return of Tony Suty and his sister, Mrs. Steve Takacs. The plane, parked on the runway at the Sun valley flying field, was struck by a runaway plane and received a damaged wing.

Suty, of Malin flew his brother-in-law's plane, with Mrs. Takacs and Mrs. John Kandra, all of Tulelake, to Sun valley last Wednesday for skiing.

Another plane, owned and piloted by French E. Johnson Jr., carrying Gregory Brooks and Bobbie Adams, son of Robert Adams, all of Tulelake, left on the ski trip with Suty.

The two planes were tied at the airport when another plane being warmed up for a takeoff, was left unattended and jumped a block, crashing into the Takacs' plane, damaging a wing. No personal injuries were incurred.

Johnson returned to Tulelake Saturday bringing all of the party except Suty and his sister, who remained to await repairs on the plane.

Navy Pilot's Body Found Today

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 25 (AP)—Recovery of a body identified today as that of the pilot of a navy transport plane, missing with 10 men aboard since February 4 confirmed fears that the aircraft crashed into the sea off the Virginia eastern shore during icy storms.

The body, discovered by coast guardsmen after it washed ashore seven miles north of Assateague, was identified by naval officials as that of C. A. Urban, chief aviation pilot, USN, the pilot of the missing transport. The body was decapitated.

The transport vanished on a flight from Portsmouth, N. H., to the Norfolk naval air station, where it was based.

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That was a blunt but accurate way of summing up a situation without precedent in modern English history. Britain is fighting for her life.

The government's appeal declared "the central fact of 1947 is that we have not enough resources to do all that we want to do and barely enough to do all that we must do." Therefore, "first things first"—strictly con-

trol imports, get production into high gear and sharply increase exports before the fast-dwindling American dollar loan runs out. Unless the country concentrates on the really important things, "we may never restore the foundations of our national life."

This is not a pessimistic view. It is a realistic one. The country has almost no natural resources excepting coal. It achieved economic might largely by the simple expedient of importing raw materials, fabricating them and re-exporting them at a tidy profit in English ships. This was accompanied by the creation of great banking and insurance businesses, and the favorable geographical location of the British Isles was of vast assistance.

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Passes



SALLY ALLEN CALLAGHAN

Word of the death of Mrs. Sally Ann Callaghan, about 37, former resident of Klamath Falls and Dorris, Calif., and an employe of Montgomery Ward company for many years, was received here today from Richmond, Calif. Mrs. Callaghan died there February 16. No details were available.

Mrs. Callaghan is survived by her husband, E. J. Callaghan, and one daughter, Barbara Jean Anderson, Richmond, Calif., a sister, Mrs. Jean Martin, San Francisco, and her father, L. W. Cattrell, Seattle. Private services are scheduled this week from the Ryan Funeral home, Richmond.

Crowds Attend WAA Sale Here

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In the allotted prices, George Hanscome, WAA chief of local sales, in charge of the sale, said today and advised that Thursday night prices will be adjusted to dispose of everything. He further stated that following the sale proper, any left-over articles will be sold at bids.

W. H. Galloway, chief of the veterans division, will return to Portland Wednesday morning. He arrives especially for the meeting held Monday night with representatives of veterans organizations, when details of large lot buying for individual members were successfully concluded. Arthur Westcott, certification officer of the veterans division, has arrived to work at the sale.

Mrs. Irene Toney, administrative assistant and her office crew were kept busy all morning completing orders while the buying lines fluctuated between scores of buyers to a dozen or so, and buying was reported as going very quickly.

Burning Gas Tanks Explode

CHEWELAH, Wash., Feb. 25 (AP)—The explosion of a 7000-gallon gasoline tank and burning of others in a distributing plant threatened this northeastern Washington community for a time today but the fire was reported being brought under control by volunteer firemen late this morning.

The fire broke out at the H. Earl Clark Distributing company's gasoline and diesel oil storage plant when a motor over-heated and flamed.

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Truman Attack Rumor Groundless

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The White House labeled "completely groundless" today a report attributed to radio Luxembourg that an attempt had been made on President Truman's life.

Even Ayers, assistant presidential press secretary, made this statement to newsmen. He added that there was not the slightest basis for such a broadcast.

Mr. Truman was in his office when Ayers was asked about the report which a Paris newspaper attributed to radio Luxembourg.

In The Day's News

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designed to cut down individual production so that jobs may be made for more men. Business must eliminate all its agreements that in the past have sought to restrict production so that prices may be kept up.

ALL HOLDERS must be taken off British industry—by employees and their unions on one side and by employers and their trade associations, etc., on the other—to the end that British production may be wholly unhampered and free and therefore able to produce more than EVER was produced before.

THE government of Britain, which is a LABOR government, goes farther yet in its white paper—MUCH farther. It says:

"The (labor) government is even willing to modify ITS plans if a case for doing so is made out."

That is to say, presumably, the present labor government of Britain is even willing to consider foregoing its further plans for socializing British industry if it appears plainly that these plans will jeopardize maximum British production.

WHEN any government intimates that it MAY have been wrong and is willing to change if it is convinced that a change is necessary, it is going about as far as it is possible to go.

Boost In Gas Rate Granted

SALEM, Feb. 25 (AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg today authorized the California-Pacific Utilities company, which serves southern Oregon cities, to increase its rates by \$81,227 a year, for gas service effective immediately.

The company serves the Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland and Klamath Falls areas.

Hearings were held in all those cities and Flagg said not a single protest was heard.

Flagg said the increase is justified by increased labor and material costs. The new rates will give the company a rate of return of less than 5 per cent on the original cost of its property, depreciated, plus working capital.

He said that if the old rates were continued, the company would suffer a \$45,093 deficit this year.

Bevin Hits Truman Move

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin charged today that President Truman wrecked negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the Palestine problem by calling for immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to the Holy Land during the U. S. congressional election campaign last fall.

Opening a house of commons debate on the Holy Land question, Bevin declared there was still a chance of settling it outside the United Nations.

Bevin said he was engaged in crucial negotiations with Jews and Arabs last October.

"I went back to the Paris peace conference and the next day—I think it was Atonement Day or one special day of the Jewish religion—the prime minister telephoned me at midnight and told me the president of the United States was going to issue another statement on this 100,000."

Fire Department Answers Call

A fire at Taylor apartment house, 510 N. 7th, was quickly squelched by the Klamath Falls fire department Monday afternoon.

The fire crew which answered the alarm returned to the station a short time later after squirting water down the chimney of the building and dousing the fire.

Mrs. May Taylor, owner of the apartments, is reported to be in California.

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Bus Thompson Said Better

Milton (Bus) Thompson, who was critically injured in the plane accident which Sunday took the lives of Tex Rankin, Cy Walian and Jack Elie, is given a good chance of recovery by Hillside hospital attendants, but he still has not been told of the deaths of his three companions in the plane.

The 32-year-old ex-war-time flier and operator of a used car lot, received a concussion, fractured arms and other hurts in the accident and was in a partial coma until yesterday afternoon when he was able to recognize and speak to his father, C. C. Thompson.

Today X-rays were made but the results have not been revealed.

The plane in which Thompson was injured and the three men killed was moved yesterday afternoon from the garden plot where it crashed, close to the home of J. H. Eckert, 3247 La Verne, to the airport. The craft was a Republic Seabee, owned and operated by Tex Rankin, 53, one of the nation's foremost aerial pioneers and stunt fliers.

J. T. Fenevy, CAA inspector from Eugene, looked over the wreckage yesterday, but left for Eugene without making a statement as to the cause of the accident.

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Siamese Police Battle Bandits

BANGKOK, Siam, Feb. 25 (AP) Five hundred Siamese police, trying to wipe out guerrillas who have been terrorizing the countryside, were reported battling Monday against a band of 300 entrenched in a village in the hills of Sak Kaphi, north of Ratturri.

A telegram from the area said 29 bandits and three police were killed yesterday.

The guerrillas, led by Sau ("Tiger") Phai and Sua Saing, are armed with heavy and light machine-guns and grenades. They have been accused of kidnapping a Catholic priest and several other persons.

Police Chief Phra Phicharn, in Bangkok, said his men would wipe out the band in 10 days.

6000 Miners Back In Lehigh Pits

LANSFORD, Pa., Feb. 25 (AP) A 10-day strike of 6000 miners ended Monday at all but one of the Lehigh Navigation Coal company operations in the Panther Creek valley.

The lone mine still closed was the Lansford operation, where 1000 miners refused to return to work until they learn the result of a conference scheduled this afternoon by company officials and leaders of the Panther valley general mine committee, representing several AFL-United Mine Workers' locals. The conferees will discuss protests against payroll deductions by the company.

Lane Trial Starts Today

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series of questions put to Chidester allowed a matter of opinion. Chidester was asked if at the time of the threat he thought Lane was serious, and he answered that he did not. Then the woods boss was asked whether subsequent events brought him to change his mind about the seriousness of Lane's threat, and he answered "yes."

Then the district attorney asked what the subsequent events were and Merrymann again objected and was sustained.

At that point court was recessed. Members of the jury hearing the case are James Kerns, John H. Dognan, John H. McCulley, Paul Winter, Louis Benason, Clifford C. Jay, G. K. Van Riper, J. E. Hosking, Ben H. Gibson, William H. Totten, Henry Schmor Jr. and Frank Victorine.

Year Without Auto Death Bend Record

SALEM, Feb. 25 (AP)—Bend was the only Oregon city of more than 10,000 population which did not have a traffic fatality in 1946, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., said today.

Almost all of last year's traffic fatality increase in the state was in rural areas. Trailing Bend were Klamath Falls with 2 fatalities; Medford 3, Eugene 4, Astoria 4, Salem 8, and Portland 69. Portland's toll was 10 less than in 1945.

Courthouse Records

Marriage Licenses

HORN-DUNN, Gerald Daniel Horn, 21, machinist. Native of California. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Shirley Mae Dunn, 19, typist. Native of California. Resident of San Francisco, Calif.

Divorce Petitions

Mary I. Guy vs. Richard E. Guy, suit for annulment. Charge, defendant has living issue. Cause married April 22, 1941, at Reno, Nev. Plaintiff asks custody of three minor children. A. C. Yaden, attorney for plaintiff.

Evelyn Mae Park vs. Ralph Robert Park, suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Cause married May 10, 1943, at Carson City, Nev. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

Louise Estlin vs. Robert Estlin, suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Cause married April 20, 1941, at Reno, Nev. Plaintiff asks custody of one minor child and \$80 a month. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

Decree Granted

Edward H. Crawford vs. Janet M. Crawford

Justice Court

Dwight Beach, Worthington, inadequate emergency brake. Fine, \$5.00

Charles William Gale, no PUC permit. Fine, \$10.

Lawrence Edward Sanders, no clearance lamp. Fine, \$5.00

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Richard Roy Glenn, no headlight. Fine, \$5.00

Andrew Devern Salyers, no tail light. Fine, \$5.00

Hershel Bernard Harsha, running stop sign. Fine, \$5.00

Bernard Albertus Simonson, violation of basic rule. Fine, \$10.

Hershel Bernard Harsha, no operator's license. Fine, \$5.00

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